



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 4, 2020—The First District Mid Winter at Stewartville Post 164. Sessions starting at 10:00 AM. Registration is five (5) dollars and lunch is eight (8) dollars for a total of thirteen (13) dollars to be paid at the post on the day of the Mid Winter.

January 4, 2020—The First District Oratorical Contest (part of the First District Mid-Winter) at 1:00 PM.

February 2, 2020—The Four Chaplains Sunday. Please take time to remember these men's sacrifices.

February 8, 2020—The Department Sweetheart Rally at Montgomery Post 79—11 AM

February 22, 2020—Area 2 & 4 rally in Austin Post 91. We will be doing a revitalization starting at 10 AM with the Rally starting at 2 PM.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Kasson Post 333 has a over supply of medical equipment which includes hospital beds with mattresses, wheel chairs (both regular and electric), motorized scooters and much more. If interested

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

HAPPY NEW YEAR to the First District American Legion family and Friends. The Deployed and Their Families.

Membership continues to be a top issue and continue to promote the new eligibility dates that now are April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918 and December 7-1941 to present day. Many that were not eligible before are now coming up and now joining. Veterans count and every Veteran counts..

January 1, 2020. You need to be carrying your new card, it could be needed at any time to provide proof of current year membership. This past year has been successful and rewarding. The Christmas party at the Mabel Post headed up by James Westby, District 1 area 3 Vice Commander, was great with Christmas caroling at the assisted living, nursing home and meeting a World War II Pow Veteran at his home and singing at his front door. The food and warm refreshments at the post was really needed after caroling. Thank You Jim.

January 4, 2020- _ _ District Midwinter Rally at the Stewartville Post starting at 10:00.

Special ceremony, program, oratorical contest, reports. Some is separate session and some is joint session.

February 8th is the Department Sweetheart Rally in Montgomery at 11:00.

February 22nd is the educational and membership rally at the Austin post 91 at 2:00pm. The morning starting at 10:00 we will be doing Revitalization of the Austin area.

We will be needing help calling past members. Pray for our deployed troops and their families and help them out if needed.

Thanks for your support and for your Service.

Dale Wellik

First District Commander

From your 1st District Legion Chaplain

January 2020 1st District Chaplain News Article

Greetings to the 1st District Family! The New Year is about to start as I put pen to paper. I hope each of you had a blessed Christmas and will have a joy-filled New Year.

As we go into this New Year, let us be thankful for all we received in this past one—the blessings we have had with family and friends, some old and some new. Let us also be thankful for this country that we live in, and the freedoms we enjoy, all because of those who fought and served this great nation. Let us be mindful of those who are serving and are away from home at this time of year. Keep each one in your prayers; also let us not forget those in care centers and nursing homes. There are many veterans who are alone this time of year.

We as Americans have been blessed with many gifts as a nation, but let us not forget the greatest gift of all. That gift was “a tiny child” born over 2,000 years ago in a small town of Bethlehem. The angels sang about his coming, shepherds left their flocks to come and see this miracle that had just happened. And 3 learned men journeyed from afar to find this child that the prophets had spoken about. They came bearing gifts for this baby child, who in a little over 30 years would go to the cross to redeem us from our sins. And that is the best gift of all, “salvation”.

The Bible tells us there is only one way to the Father in heaven and that is through Jesus. Others might claim they are the way, but I believe only through Jesus, “the truth, the light and the way” will we come to be in heaven with Him. So if you have not chosen Jesus as your Lord and Savior, do it today, not next week or next month or next year, because that day may never come. In the book of Joshua, 24th chapter 15th verse it says “Choose for yourself whom you will serve, as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Wise Men looked for Him many years ago, and wise people still seek Him today. May the God of Peace be with you and yours in this New Year to come.

Still serving God and Country,

Larry H. Otto, 1st District Chaplain

FROM AREA ONE

Wow a year almost up, I have learned a lot of things about the American Legion. It has been a busy year since being sworn in. Starting with the watermelon parade. Participating in a flag retirement ceremony, dedication of Eyota & Dover as Purple Heart cities and seeing a Post have a meeting for the first time in 10 years. Helping the Eyota Post 551 Legion Riders, Post 551 and the Olmsted county veterans service office work together to get care packages for the troops that are deployed. Going to posts and seeing the similarities between most of the posts. We have had a good year. This year I was nominated and endorsed to run for the 1st district commander from my post. The American legion is doing a lot of changes and growing with the way things are being done. We will be doing more online training and online information classes. This will hopefully help provide the answers that the members may have about anything from the history of the American legion, to what is the role of each officer. So, in closing remember that the members are the reason we have a great system; remember your voice does matter, so show up at meetings and voice your concerns and opinions. Attend meetings and vote on the things you deem important to you.

Thank you,

Mark A. Maloney III

Area 1 Vice Commander

FROM AREA FOUR

First District

James Westby Vice Commander Area 3

Greetings! I can't believe that it is already January. I hope that everyone is enjoying the holiday season. The season is a time of hope. It is also a time to make new memories, even as we celebrate together for those who are away from your families whether that be serving in your country or in a far-off land. I hope you can find comfort and joy despite the distance.

We must never forget that we truly are in this together. What affects one member affects all of us. So, let's take this moment to renew our commitment for our organization and to our fellow members. We need to grow our members to stay strong so GET IT DONE for our Veterans and family.

We know it won't always be easy, since there is a general election in 2020. It's not always going to be pleasant either but let not give in to cynicism or apathy. Let's make our voices heard in the halls of congress in state houses and all across the land. As we gather together let's offer on another passive message of hope and resilience because after all that is our true history of the American Legion. The Minnesota legislature goes back in session on Tuesday February 11, 2020 there is unfinished work for them to honor our nations commitment for those that served including families. It is up to us to insist the legislative honor that commitment if you are unsure of who your state representative or state senator is use this link and enter your address: <http://www.qis.leg.mn/imaps/districts/> Please make that call.

January

Close out of previous membership year

January 3, 2020 4th renewal notice

January 15, 2020, we need to see 100% target on membership

Blood report will be mailed to the posts

Legionville reservation form to be mailed

Membership award pins to be mailed

January 4, 2020 District Mid-Winter-Stewartville Post 164 10 a.m.

I salute all of you and hope that together we can make a difference.

Semper Fi

James Westby

National Commander's Tour Feb. 17-19, 2020

Please call number listed to reserve your spot: Location, Meal Time & Price

Monday, Feb. 17, 2020

Adams Post 146	Breakfast	8 a.m.	507-582-3266
Waseca Post 228	Lunch	noon	507-833-9935
Albert Lea Post 56	Dinner*	6 p.m.	507-373-7993

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020

Wells Post 210	Breakfast	8 a.m.	507-553-3012
Madelia Post 19	Lunch	noon	507-642-8106
Redwood Falls Post 38	Dinner*	6 p.m.	507-430-2261

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Gaylord Post 433	Breakfast	8 a.m.	507-469-2346
New Prague Post 45	Dinner*	6 p.m.	952-457-2129

On Feb. 19, the tour will stop at Minnesota State University, Mankato, around 11 a.m. for lunch with veteran students. No reservations will be taken for the meal time.

*There will be a social hour starting at 5 PM

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 12/11/2019

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	546	429	34	463	84.80%	83	12/11/2019
90	LEWISTON	71	61	5	66	92.96%	5	12/11/2019
190	ST CHARLES	141	111	4	115	81.56%	26	12/11/2019
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		758	601	43	644	84.96%	114	12/11/2019
50	WABASHA	213	186	5	191	89.67%	22	12/11/2019
110	LAKE CITY	148	118	6	124	83.78%	24	12/11/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	171	132	9	141	82.46%	30	12/11/2019
546	KELLOGG	64	59	1	60	93.75%	4	12/11/2019
573	ELGIN	28	22	1	23	82.14%	5	12/11/2019
579	MILLVILLE	146	169	10	179	122.60%	-33	12/11/2019
588	MAZEPPA	75	59	6	65	86.67%	10	11/20/2019
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		845	745	38	783	92.66%	62	12/11/2019
92	ROCHESTER	887	745	18	763	86.02%	124	12/11/2019
119	BYRON	140	87	6	93	66.43%	47	12/11/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	292	246	13	259	88.70%	33	12/11/2019
446	ROCHESTER	15	8	1	9	60.00%	6	10/16/2019
551	EYOTA	185	151	7	158	85.41%	27	12/11/2019
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1519	1237	45	1282	84.40%	237	12/11/2019
AREA ONE TOTALS		3122	2583	126	2709	86.77%	413	12/11/2019
295	WEST CONCORD	61	48	4	52	85.25%	9	12/11/2019
330	HAYFIELD	202	173	3	176	87.13%	26	12/11/2019
333	KASSON	260	226	5	231	88.85%	29	12/11/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	77	60	7	67	87.01%	10	11/26/2019
422	CLAREMONT	30	25	1	26	86.67%	4	12/11/2019
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		630	532	20	552	87.62%	78	12/11/2019
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	104	86	2	88	84.62%	16	11/26/2019
77	OWATONNA	468	331	52	383	81.84%	85	12/11/2019
296	ELLENDALE	35	29	1	30	85.71%	5	12/11/2019
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		607	446	55	501	82.54%	106	12/11/2019
75	NEW RICHLAND	55	35	2	37	67.27%	18	10/30/2019
228	WASECA	319	244	17	261	81.82%	58	12/11/2019
281	JANESVILLE	93	81	1	82	88.17%	11	11/20/2019
587	WALDORF	26	17	3	20	76.92%	6	12/11/2019
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		493	377	23	400	81.14%	93	12/11/2019
AREA TWO TOTALS		1730	1355	98	1453	83.99%	277	12/11/2019
40	LANESBORO	107	93	4	97	90.65%	10	11/6/2019
68	SPRING VALLEY	77	62	5	67	87.01%	10	11/20/2019
81	HARMONY	31	21	1	22	70.97%	9	10/2/2019
94	RUSHFORD	122	74	12	86	70.49%	36	12/11/2019
166	PRESTON	66	54	6	60	90.91%	6	10/30/2019
197	CHATFIELD	50	44	1	45	90.00%	5	11/20/2019
299	MABEL	159	137	8	145	91.19%	14	12/11/2019

369	WYKOFF	18	12	4	16	88.89%	2	9/13/2019
400	CANTON	14	6	9	15	107.14%	-1	11/20/2019
492	FOUNTAIN	15	1	9	10	66.67%	5	9/18/2019
526	PETERSON	38	30	1	31	81.58%	7	12/11/2019
544	OSTRANDER	23	18	2	20	86.96%	3	10/9/2019
637	WHALEN	14	6	1	7	50.00%	7	11/26/2019
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS		734	558	63	621	84.60%	113	12/11/2019
191	CALEDONIA	157	137	1	138	87.90%	19	12/11/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	160	119	7	126	78.75%	34	12/11/2019
423	HOUSTON	109	90	3	93	85.32%	16	12/11/2019
498	HOKAH	21	17	1	18	85.71%	3	12/11/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	290	228	3	231	79.66%	59	12/11/2019
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS		737	591	15	606	82.23%	131	12/11/2019
AREA THREE TOTALS		1471	1149	78	1227	83.41%	244	12/11/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	576	462	21	483	83.85%	93	12/11/2019
264	GLENVILLE	79	52	7	59	74.68%	20	11/20/2019
266	HARTLAND	16	12	1	13	81.25%	3	11/26/2019
317	EMMONS	58	45	6	51	87.93%	7	11/20/2019
404	ALDEN	114	91	1	92	80.70%	22	12/11/2019
552	FREEBORN	34	20	7	27	79.41%	7	9/18/2019
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS		877	682	43	725	82.67%	152	12/11/2019
91	AUSTIN	500	404	23	427	85.40%	73	12/11/2019
105	LYLE	87	47	26	73	83.91%	14	11/20/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	45	34	6	40	88.89%	5	12/11/2019
146	ADAMS	188	135	14	149	79.26%	39	12/11/2019
161	LEROY	51	43	1	44	86.27%	7	11/6/2019
570	AUSTIN SPAM	8	10	1	11	137.50%	-3	10/16/2019
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		879	673	71	744	84.64%	135	12/11/2019
AREA FOUR TOTALS		1756	1355	114	1469	83.66%	287	12/11/2019
1111	DAKOTA	70	0	0	0	0.00%	70	8/1/2018
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		8149	6442	1657	6858	84.16%	1291	12/11/2019

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DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT RALLYS 2019 – 2020

September 5,6,7,& 8 2019 - Department Camp-O-Ree – Legionville

September 7, 2019 - Department Harvest Rally – Legionville – 4 PM

October 5, 2019 – 1st & 3rd Membership Training – Blooming Prairie Post 52 –10 AM

October 12, 2019 – District Fall Rally – Dodge Center Post 384 – 10 AM

October 25 & 26, 2019 – Department Fall Conference – Mahnomen, MN
at Shooting Star Casino.

November 23, 2019 – Area 1 & 3 Educational/ Membership Rally, Winona Post
9 at 2 PM.

December 7, 2019 – Department Pearl Harbor Rally – Rosetown Post 542
Roseville, MN - 11 AM

December 15, 2019 – First District Christmas Party – Mabel Post 299 – 1 PM

January 4, 2020 – District Mid-Winter – Stewartville Post 164 – 10 AM

February 8, 2020 – Department Sweetheart Rally – Montgomery Post 79
11 AM

February 22, 2020 – Area 2 & 4 Educational/ Membership Rally – Austin Post
91 – 2PM.

March 21, 2020 – Department Appreciation Rally – LaCrescent Post 595
4 PM. (time subject to change)

_____ District Jr Conference – TBA

April 25, 2020 - Commander Wellik's testimonial – Dodge Center Post 384
5 PM social, 6 PM dinner with the program to follow.

May 2, 2020 – President Prescher's Testimonial – Stewartville Post 164
5 PM social, 6 PM dinner with the program to follow.

May 15 & 16, 2020 – First District Convention - Austin American Legion Post 91

THE FOLLOWING TIME LINE PAGES TELLS LEGIONAIRES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS MAILING OUT INFORMATION AND WHEN IT HAS TO BE SENT BACK IN. VERY HELPFUL FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMANS

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA 2019-2020 TIMELINE

JULY

- 2020 Membership year opens
- July 11-13, 2019** - Department Convention at Willmar
- July 24, 2019** - Goose Egg – Cut-off Date - Posts will need to have turned in their 2019 Officer list and have 1 paid member to be off the “goose-egg.”

AUGUST

- August 3, 2019** – 1st Executive Committee Meeting and Membership Program Kickoff, Location TBD
- Employment Awards information will be mailed to the Posts
- Letters will be mailed to Post Adjutants to request visits by the Department Commander

SEPTEMBER

- September 7, 2019** – Harvest Rally, Legionville
- September 11, 2019** - 50% Target & Renewal cut-off date
- Eagle Scout of the Year Application information will be mailed to Post Adjutants
- Oratorical information will be mailed to High School and Post Adjutants
- Annual PUFL report—posts will receive credit for their PUFL members and credit letters will be mailed to the Posts

OCTOBER

- October 7, 2019** - 2nd Renewal Notice
- October 9, 2019** - 55% Target & Renewal cut-off date
- October 25-26, 2019** - Fall Conference in Mahanomen, MN
- Scholarship information will be mailed to Post Adjutants
- American Education Week information will be mailed to Post Adjutants
- Law & Order information will be mailed to Post Adjutants
- Fund For Hospitalized Veterans information will be mailed to Post Adjutants

NOVEMBER

- November 14, 2019** – 65% Target
- November 15, 2019**--3rd Renewal Notice
- ROTC Scholarship information will be mailed to Post Adjutants

DECEMBER

- December 1, 2019** – Employment Applications are due to Dept Headquarters
- December 7, 2019** - Pearl Harbor Rally, Location TBD
- December 11, 2019** - 75% & Renewal Cut-off date
- Annual Military Achievement Awards Program information will be mailed to Posts
- Children & Youth reports will be mailed to Post Adjutants

JANUARY (continued on backside)

- Close out of previous membership year - we will no longer accept 2019 membership
- January 3, 2020**- 4th Renewal Notice
- January 15, 2020** - 80% Target

JANUARY (continued)

- Legionville Reservation forms mailed early in the month
- Boys State Reservation forms mailed early in the month
- Blood Reports will be mailed to the Posts
- Membership Award Pins mailing - membership stars and director's pins

FEBRUARY

- February 8, 2020- Sweetheart Rally**, Location TBD
- February 12, 2020 - 85% Target & Renewal cut-off date**
- Continuous Years Certificate will be mailed by National
- Baseball Kit order forms will be mailed
- Post Data Reports will be mailed to the Posts
- February 26, 2020 - 5th renewal notice**

MARCH

- March 1, 2020** – Eagle Scout of the Year Application are due to Dept
- March 11, 2020 - 90% Target**
- March 15, 2020 - Baseball Kits** will start to be mailed out
- March 21, 2020 – Appreciation Rally**, Location TBD
- Officer Reporting forms will be mailed to the Posts
- Community Service Reports will be mailed to the Posts
- Consolidated Post Reports will be mailed to the Posts

APRIL

- April 1, 2020** – Scholarship Applications are due to Dept
- April 1, 2020** – Law & Order Applications are due to Dept
- April 1, 2020** – Boys State Pre-Registration applications are due
- April 8, 2020 - 95% Target & Renewal cut-off**
- April 15, 2020** – Post Data Reports are Due to Dept
- April 24, 2020-** 6th and final renewal notice for 2020
- April 30, 2020** – Boy's State registration due online
- April 30, 2020** – Blood Reports are due to Dept
- April 30, 2020** – Convention Call mailed

MAY

- May 13, 2020** - Recruiter of the Year Applications are due
- May 13, 2020** - 100% Target
- May 13, 2020** – Gold and Silver Brigade Applications are due
- May 30, 2020** – Community Service Reports are due
- District Convention Mailing—forms need to be returned to Department after each District's convention.

JUNE

- June 1, 2020** – Consolidated Reports are due
- 30 days before Department Convention - Convention Delegate Cut-off
- Training - card pick-up, (last part of June)
- July 1, 2020** – Annual Military Achievement Awards are due



From Your Adjutant

We would like to have all officer endorsements for the 2020-2021 legion year sent to the District Adjutant by Mid-Winter on January 4, 2019. So if you are planning to run for an elected office next year please get your post endorsement and mail get it to Wayne as soon as possible.

FROM YOUR RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN

Remember that if your post has any resolutions to be considered at the District Convention they have to be in the hands of the District Resolution Chairman NO later than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention. That date would be April 16, 2020.

First District Resolution Chairman

Rich Gosse

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The Eyota Legion Riders are asking for donations to put care packages together for local soldiers who are deployed.

Please see the list of items that are needed.

Drop off locations are at:

- ❖ Eyota American Legion
- ❖ Little Eagles Childcare Center/Eyota
- ❖ Olmsted County Veteran Services Office
- ❖ Anytime Fitness/Byron



CANDY

- Candy (heat resistant)
- Fruit Breezes (throat drops)
- Twizzlers

CORRESPONDENCE

- Writing Paper and Envelopes
- Pens/Pencils

DENTAL

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Mouthwash

DRINK

- Coffee (instant)
- Coffee Creamer
- Individual Size Drink Mixes

FOOD (including dry goods, snacks)

- Oatmeal (instant)
- Ramen Noodles-any flavor
- Bars (Clif or Balance)
- Beef Jerky or SlimJims
- Granola Bars
- Individual Crackers or Cookies
- Canned Fruit (pop top cans)
- Gum
- Sugar packets
- Ravioli (pop top cans)
- Tuna Kits

TOILETRIES/HYGIENE

- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products (for female soldiers)
- Travel size body wash
- Deodorant
- Foot Powder
- Hand Lotion
- Q-Tips
- Razors (disposable)
- Shampoo
- Sunscreen
- Tylenol (individual packets)

Other

- Batteries (AA, D,)
- Bug Spray (must be packaged in zip-lock bag)
- Duct Tape
- Flashlights (mini/mag lite, extra bulbs, lots of batteries)
- Fans (battery powered – small – with extra batteries)
- Fly Strips
- Fly Swatters
- Socks

ENTERTAINMENT

- Playing Cards
- Crossword Puzzles
- Hand held electronic games
- Soduko books

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Happy New Year to All!

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and were able to spend time with family and friends!

We have our Mid-Winter coming up Saturday, January 4, 2021. Session starts at 10:00am at Stewartville Post 164.

Our District Chairs will be giving brief reports on the programs. Lynette Wolfe our AEF Chair is heading up the Silent Auction and Bake Sale! The money raised goes to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Look forward to seeing you there!

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Our District Oratorical will be held that afternoon. It is just amazing the knowledge and confidence these young people have.

Remember to get the Girls State Information out to the school's this month, if you haven't already!

Thank you to Units that have sold their raffle tickets and returned. Thank you to Units that have also given to the Presidents Project! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you on behalf of our veterans!

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Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.
"Service and Not Self"

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1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership

As of December 18, 2019

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
9	Winona	137	95		95	69.34%	42
90	Lewiston	37	21		21	56.76%	16
190	St Charles	53	32		32	60.38%	21
50	Wabasha	113	95		95	84.07%	18
110	Lake City	72	48		48	66.67%	24
179	Plainview	139	99		99	71.22%	40
546	Kellogg	124	89		89	71.77%	35
573	Elgin	18	12		12	66.67%	6
579	Millville	53	34		34	64.15%	19
588	Mazeppa	37	21		21	56.76%	16
92	Rochester	135	113		113	83.70%	22
119	Byron	75	18		18	24.00%	57
164	Stewartville	173	163		163	94.22%	10
551	Eyota	100	79		79	79.00%	21
Pod One Total		1266	919	0	919	72.59%	347
295	West Concord	34	22		22	64.71%	12
330	Hayfield	182	129		129	70.88%	53
333	Kasson	133	121		121	90.98%	12
384	Dodge Center	75	43		43	57.33%	32
422	Claremont	21	19		19	90.48%	2
52	Blooming Prairie	104	85		85	81.73%	19
77	Owatonna	113	80		80	70.80%	33
75	New Richland	49	42		42	85.71%	7
228	Waseca	243	199		199	81.89%	44
587	Waldorf	19	20		20	105.26%	-1
Pod Two Totals		973	760	0	760	78.11%	213

15	40	Lanesboro	103	11	11	10.68%	92
	68	Spring Valley	42	36	36	85.71%	6
	81	Harmony	53	40	40	75.47%	13
	94	Rushford	55	25	25	45.45%	30
	197	Chatfield	32	29	29	90.63%	3
	299	Mabel	123	77	77	62.60%	46
	369	Wykoff	17	16	16	94.12%	1
Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
	526	Peterson	43	44	44	102.33%	-1
	544	Ostrander	15	12	12	80.00%	3
	637	Whalan	22	17	17	77.27%	5
	191	Caledonia	75	72	72	96.00%	3
	249	Spring Grove	122	97	97	79.51%	25
	423	Houston	138	115	115	83.33%	23
	498	Hokah	18	17	17	94.44%	1
	595	La Crescent	181	128	128	70.72%	53
Pod Three Totals		1039	736	0	736	70.84%	303
	56	Albert Lea	289	252	252	87.20%	37
	264	Glenville	87	73	73	83.91%	14
	404	Alden	37	33	33	89.19%	4
	552	Freeborn	61	58	58	95.08%	3
	91	Austin	128	119	119	92.97%	9
	105	Lyle	56	42	42	75.00%	14
	140	Grand Meadow	63	47	47	74.60%	16
	146	Adams	132	113	113	85.61%	19
	161	Leroy	46	36	36	78.26%	10
Pod Four Totals		899	773	0	773	85.98%	126
Total		4177	3188	0	3188	76.32%	989

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem

The First District seems to be working hard but we are in 8th place for the Department. There are quite a few units that have a low percentage at this time. Please work with your units and make the Department of MN proud. There are quite a few that are moving up as well. Thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication. Please keep up the good work. If we work together as a team we can make it happen.

Thank you to all units for your hard work this month.

""The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." -Lao Tzu

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.

ATTENTION ALL

Please bring items for the silent auction for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund that will be at The First District Mid-Winter in Stewartville on January 4, 2020.

Thank You

Lynette Wolff—The Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chair Person.



A silent auction item put together by Waseca Post 228. Posts, Units, Squadrons and individuals. Lets gather up items or put together baskets for the silent auction at Mid Winter this Saturday at Stewartville Post 164.

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JUNIOR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

This year has been a good challenge for me. I am a senior and I have been doing many exciting things so far this year. I have been in a swimming team which takes up my time but I have enjoyed being part of a team.

I heard when I was at one of my swim meets in Farmington on October 12th there was a basket passed around for my project. Thank you to everyone who contributed to my project. I raised \$108 that day. My project is to help the veterans that want a service dog but may not be able to afford one. Believet out of Northfield will train a dog for a veteran at no cost.



Thank you for all you have done for me.
 Kassy Bettermann

CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

The American Legion Constitution and Bylaws has been updated to replace the word “wife” with “spouse,” related to the membership criteria for the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA).

Here are some common questions and answers to what this means going forward:

Question: Why change ALA membership eligibility?

Answer: In 1920, veterans were almost 100 percent male so the ALA was formed as the organization for the spouses of the veteran — those spouses just happened to be women.

Today, an estimated 16 percent of enlisted people and 18 percent of officers are women, who may be married to a non-veteran. To keep the ALA as the organization that supports spouses of the veteran, we need to change the ALA’s definition from wives to spouses, thereby updating the organization to represent the changing makeup of the military.

Q: How can this change help ALA membership?

A: Think about female spouses who are alone as their husband is deployed. They have the ALA to lean on. Who can the male spouse rely on? With this eligibility change, now male spouses who are ALA members can receive the same support while their wives are deployed.

Q: Would this change need to be approved by Congress?

A: No, because the American Legion Auxiliary is not chartered by Congress. The American Legion, which was chartered by Congress, created the ALA. The Legion approved the ALA to operate as a separate corporation; however, The American Legion has always set the eligibility requirements of the ALA in their bylaws.

Q: What about the previous communications issued by former ALA leadership claiming this change could not happen? Why is that information inaccurate?

A: Previously released messaging could have been interpreted by members to mean ALA needs congressional approval for this change to happen. That information is inaccurate. The American Legion Auxiliary is not chartered by Congress.

Q: ALA refers to itself as the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization. How can we allow men to join?

A: Now that the resolution has been adopted by The American Legion, the Auxiliary will no longer call itself the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization.

Q: How would this change affect the American Legion Auxiliary membership application or signing up new members?

A: We anticipate taking applications on Sept. 1.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THIS IS THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name (First)	(M.I.)	(Last)
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth - 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 and over	
Date of Birth (Required)	Unit #	Location
Have you been a member previously? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, fill in below.)		
Previous Unit City/State	ALA ID# (if known)	
	/ /	
Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)		Date

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION	
Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)	
If Living:	American Legion Member ID # Post # City State
<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records. For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records	
Veteran Served:	
<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/8/1917-11/11/1918)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> Panama <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada <input type="checkbox"/> Korea <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Self	
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Female Descendant (daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, etc.)	
To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer	
I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.	
Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification	/ / Date

HELP US GET YOU CONNECTED!	
I am interested in learning more about:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering for Veterans, Military, and Their Families	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities, Including ALA Girls State, Junior Member Programs, and Scholarships	
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Discounts and Services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Please contact the following individual about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:	
Name	Phone Email
Name	Phone Email
Name	Phone Email
Recruiter's Name	Unit/Post # City State

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. *Membership pending approval of application.*

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Greeting SAL Members

Greeting SAL Members,

Hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

A reminder that the 1st District mid-winter convention is Jan 4th in Stewartville starting at 10:00AM. Please make an effort to attend and be heard.

The SAL bylaws and constitution draft have been completed by the project team. We now have to get different levels of approval, one that was unknown until recently which is confusing to me. However we will get these distributed and work towards approval. This will give us a base to operate from and hopefully add some structure to our organization. I want to thank the project team and especially Josh Erickson for the great job of suppling draft documents and getting the meetings scheduled.

As of December we still have several Squadrons sitting at zero. I ask that local Squadron Commanders work on ensuring their membership applications are submitted so we can keep our numbers up to date. I know our Vice Commanders have been out and about trying to support you. If there is something more we can do as leaders to support your Squadron and help get our numbers up please let us know. We get very regular SAL membership reports and it appears we have become stagnant in moving the needle. Tell us what we can do to help your Squadrons out... we are listening.

With my term ending soon I want to first apologize for not being a stronger commander for our District. Work duties escalated, and timing just has not been great to put forth the needed effort. I was hoping to be much more active and I just have not done the position justice. I stated when I took the position that work travel, and our first grandchild coming in Sept would affect my ability to attend meetings, and work issues. I had no idea that the work schedule would be as demanding as it was. That being said I ask you look towards others, or even yourself at running for commander next term. I will not be seeking a second term as this work project goes on for at least all of 2020. I just can't hold it a second year and fail you all again.

In closing I want to personally thank those currently serving and those that served for your service to our country.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless the USA.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lemmer

District 1 SAL Commander.

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SAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 12/16/2019

SQUAD	LOCATION	GOAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	81	78	2	80	98.77%	1	11/12/2019
40	LANESBORO	62	0	53	53	85.48%	9	11/26/2019
50	WABASHA	11	7	3	10	90.91%	1	12/10/2019
90	LEWISTON	47	0	47	47	100.00%	0	11/20/2019
92	ROCHESTER	133	103	10	113	84.96%	20	11/20/2019
94	RUSHFORD	48	0	6	6	12.50%	42	11/12/2019
119	BYRON	38	26	3	29	76.32%	9	12/16/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	111	12	64	76	68.47%	35	12/10/2019
166	PRESTON	44	30	10	40	90.91%	4	12/10/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	18	0	0	0	0.00%	18	8/19//2019
190	ST CHARLES	12	10	2	12	100.00%	0	11/12/2019
191	CALEDONIA	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
299	MABEL	29	6	6	12	41.38%	17	12/16/2019
423	HOUSTON	3	0	15	15	500.00%	-12	11/12/2019
546	KELLOGG	24	0	8	8	33.33%	16	11/12/2019
551	EYOTA	44	22	8	30	68.18%	14	12/10/2019
573	ELGIN	3	0	3	3	100.00%	0	9/12/2019
579	MILLVILLE	32	0	0	0	0.00%	32	8/19/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	71	0	36	36	50.70%	35	11/12/2019
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		817	0	276	570	69.77%	247	12/16/2019
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	42	0	0	0	0.00%	42	8/19/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	141	99	10	109	77.30%	32	12/16/2019
75	NEW RICHLAND	5	0	0	0	0.00%	5	8/19/2019
77	OWATONNA	142	38	18	56	39.44%	86	12/10/2019
91	AUSTIN	72	20	5	25	34.72%	47	12/10/2019
105	LYLE	35	0	1	1	2.86%	34	11/12/2019
140	GRAND MEAD-OW	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
146	ADAMS	136	34	39	73	53.68%	63	12/16/2019
161	LEROY	51	37	3	40	78.43%	11	12/16/2019
228	WASECA	132	55	12	67	50.76%	65	12/10/2019
264	GLENVILLE	41	29	5	34	82.93%	7	12/16/2019
266	HARTLAND	15	0	10	10	66.67%	5	11/12/2019
281	JANESVILLE	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10	8/19/2019
317	EMMONS	16	1	24	25	156.25%	-9	12/10/2019
330	HAYFIELD	36	19	9	28	77.78%	8	11/12/2019
333	KASSON	35	34	3	37	105.71%	-2	12/16/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
404	ALDEN	63	18	17	35	55.56%	28	12/16/2019
552	FREEBORN	32	16	7	23	71.88%	9	12/16/2019
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		1030	0	163	563	54.66%	467	12/16/2019
1111	DAKOTA	83	38	4	42	50.60%	41	12/10/2019
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		1789	38	443	1175	65.68%	614	12/16/2019

December 10, 2019 Membership Report

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National Goal
Department Goal 11,596
Current Membership 6,670

District	2020 Goal	Total 2019	Total 2020	Week's Gain	Total Squads	% Of Goal	
District 1	1,789	1,805	1,082	397	41	60.48%	735
District 2	1,334	1,333	817	240	34	61.24%	494
District 3	2,066	2,045	1,308	371	36	63.31%	828
District 4	375	370	213	71	7	56.80%	193
District 5	382	386	199	84	7	52.09%	100
District 6	1,578	1,567	1,052	295	33	66.67%	792
District 7	1,016	1,029	443	77	22	43.60%	402
District 8	554	547	313	99	16	56.50%	208
District 9	846	830	428	179	18	50.59%	352
District 10	1,653	1,651	808	202	34	48.88%	516
District 11	3	2	7	3	2	233.33%	0
Totals	11,596	11,565	6,670	2,018	250	57.52%	4,620

**Same Date
Last Year**

The cut-off for 2019 membership is December 27, 2019. Make sure all 2019 memberships are to our office prior to that date.

The Department office will be closed December 23th – 25th and December 30 and January 1st.

2019 - 2020 National Target Dates

60%	January 15 th	90%	April 8 th
75%	February 12 th	100%	May 13 th
80%	March 11 th	105%	July 29 th

Happy Holidays!

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**First District ALR Meeting
Saturday, January 4th, 2020
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Please note, this is the same day as the First District American Legion Mid-Winter conference that begins at 10AM. All ALR members are welcome to attend

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**ADAMS AMERICAN LEGION POST 146
CHICKEN, PORK, FISH & STEAK FRY SCHEDULE
Serving time: 5:30 - &:30 PM
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2019 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	September 7
Chicken & Pork Fry, FFA.....	September 21
Chicken & Pork Fry, Auxiliary.....	October 5
Steak Fry, Southland Trap Shoot.....	October 19
Windsor Chop, Legion.....	November 2
Steak Fry, Knights of Columbus.....	November 9
Chicken & Pork Fry, Adams Health Care.....	November 16
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	December 7
Chicken & Steak, Snowmobilers.....	December 14
Windsor Chops, Legion New Year's Eve.....	December 31

2020 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	January 4
Steak Fry, SAL Cancer.....	January 18
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	February 1
Chicken & Pork Fry, Adams Swimming Pool.....	February 15
Fish Fry, Legion.....	March 6
Steak Fry, Southland Sportsman.....	March 14
Fish Fry, Auxiliary.....	March 20
Fish Fry, SAL.....	April 3
Chicken & Pork, Legion Baseball.....	April 18
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	May 2
Chicken & Pork Fry, Jugglers.....	May 16
Windsor Chops, Legion *5:30 - 8:00 PM*.....	June 12
Steak Fry, Legion *5:30 – 8:00 PM *.....	June 13
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion *4:00 – 8:00 PM*.....	June 14

THIS PAGE AND THE ONE FOLOWING ARE ON THE ARMED FORCES SERVICE CENTER AT THE MINNEAPOLIS— ST PAUL AIRPORT.

Greetings Service Dog Handlers,

Welcome to the Armed Forces Service Center (AFSC). We hope that you and your working service dog enjoy your stay. The AFSC is a nonprofit (*covered entity*) with no affiliation to the USO. The following is some helpful information to better assist you during your visit. Thank you for your service.

Dog Treats & Water: Available for our working service dog guests. Ask a volunteer. Styrofoam bowls are available if needed. In accordance with the MN Health Department, excess water for pets should be dumped in the toilet or trash, not the sink.

Pet Relief Area: Located on the Baggage Claim level, outside door 1. Directional signs are posted outside.

Dog Accidents: Please pick up after your working service dog if any accidents occur during your stay.

Medical Emergency: Please let our volunteer know what your working service dog is trained to do during a medical emergency and what they should do to assist you.

Aggressive Dogs: Working service dogs that are aggressive or not housebroken can be placed at the seating area outside the AFSC. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Lounge Furniture: We kindly ask our four legged guests to use the carpet to relax.

Aisles: Please keep the main aisle open in the lounge area for the safety of all concerned.

Sleeping Bunks: Due to the limited bunks, and the space in the bunk rooms, please use the designated handicap bunks to prevent a guest on the top bunk from stepping on your working service dog.

Kitchen: The AFSC is a licensed food facility and must abide by MN Health Department codes and regulations. Working service dogs are not allowed in the kitchen.

The Armed Forces Service Center, its board of directors, officers, employees, contractors, volunteers and the Metropolitan Airports Commission cannot be held liable for any and all claims, causes of action and damages for bodily injury or death suffered during your stay at our 24 hour facility located at the MSP International Airport.

Excerpt from the Minnesota Dept. of Human Rights. Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities that are directly related to the person's disability. Service animals are working animals, not pets. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting or protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. A dog whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support does not qualify as a service animal.

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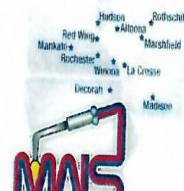
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OPEN 24/7 (365 days a year) – The AFSC offers current traveling members of the military—*active-duty, National Guard, Reservists, Purple Heart Recipients, Medal of Honor Recipients & their dependents, DoD employee on official travel orders and military retirees.* Our guests have access to a lounge with a TV, access to a military DSN phone line, cell phone, free Wi-Fi, iPads, fax/printer/copier machine, bathroom and toiletries. It also includes a full kitchen with complementary snacks, beverages, etc. The men's bunk room sleeps 20, and the women's bunk room sleeps 6.

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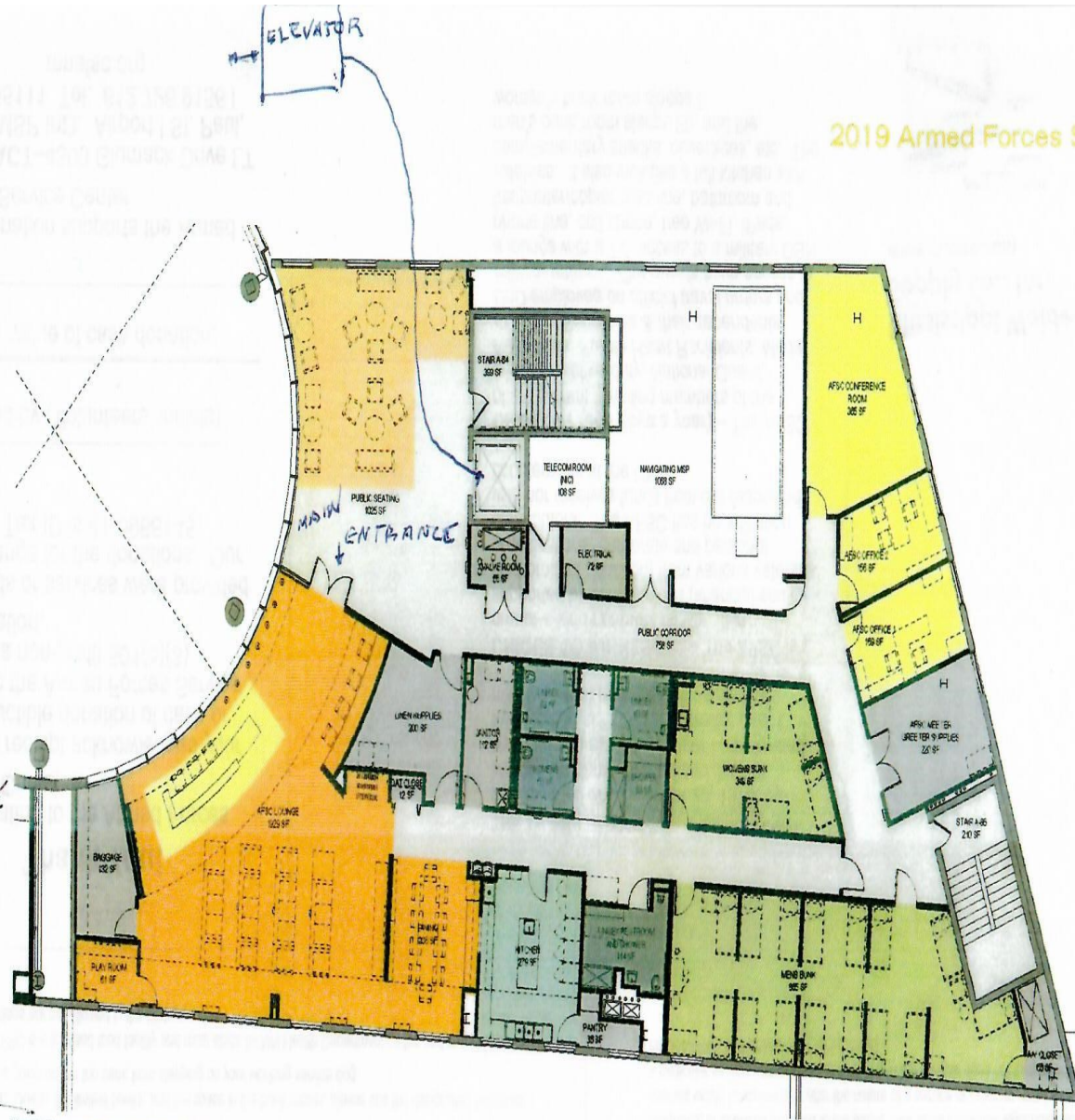
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2019 Armed Forces Service Center

90% Wall Review

Color Key

- AFSC Common Amenity Space
- Public Seating Area
- Break Room
- Restrooms and Showers
- Kitchen
- Office Space
- Storage
- Utility Space
- Circulation



Mezzanine Level Floor Plan



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