



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On the last page of this newsletter you will find the three (3) applications for the Legion Family.

Please print off that page of the newsletter and care the applications with you in case you run across someone who is not a member. Remember, **“all you have to do is ask.”**

### IMPORTANT DATES

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**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 please call Richard Denny at 507—259—2081 for more information.

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## FROM YOUR COMMANDER' DESK

### ***Greeting's 1<sup>st</sup> District American Legion Family***

The holidays are over and it's a running start to the New Year. Many are working on their New Years Resolutions. I've got three you could work on if you so choose while looking in the mirror.

1. Every morning, say out loud, **"I'm Proud to be an American Legion Member!"** Say it a few times. Then think about what you just said. If it's not true, then you need to dig deep and find out why. Then take action and make a change.
2. Say out loud, **"I'm committed to finding one new member to sign up."** Just think about what that would mean to our American Legion if half of our members signed up just one new member.
3. Finally, say out loud, **"I don't want to be better than anyone else, I want to be better than I used to be."**

Three simple New Year's Resolutions that will change our American Legion Family and YOU!

Look through the calendar of events and participate. You'll be glad you did!

### **Rochester Korean Veterans Club Visit.**

It was Monday, December 27, 2021 at 8:30 am that I had a chance to visit a wonderful group of Korean War Veterans at Grandma's Kitchen in Rochester. I can tell you camaraderie is alive and thriving at their club with Commander Duane Grafe at the helm. I would like to Thank the club for allowing me to say a few words and making me an "Honorary Club Member." The members meet every Monday morning at 8:30am. By the Way, my two eggs over easy with wheat toast and a sausage patty was fantastic! Also one of the best cups of coffee I've had lately. After the meeting, I received a guided tour of the Veterans & Emergency Services Museum by Richard Krom, President, Board of Directors. The Museum is located on the main level of the Hilton in downtown Rochester. You can find out more about the Museum, it's goals and how you can help by visiting [www.vesm.org](http://www.vesm.org).

God Bless America! God Bless our Veterans and those still serving!

Mike Parry, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander                      mparry57@gmail.com



## News from the Chaplain

January 2022

To the American Legion Family,

I've been doing some reading lately about the Revolutionary War and came across an article where President Washington and his men were about to cross the Delaware River on Christmas Eve 1776. Though they were outnumbered, they still pressed on. Before he led his men to victory, Washington read from Thomas Paine's "The American Crisis". The following is an excerpt: "The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of men and women. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consultation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives a thing its value. Heaven knows how to up a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated." On Christmas day 1776 Washington and his men were victorious at Trenton and a week later defeated the British at Princeton on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As I read this story and the quote from Thomas Paine, I thought, that's not far from where we are as a nation today. All you have to do is look at the two party's differences. I'm not saying one side or the other is at fault; is there no common sense left in this nation? Men and women have fought and died for the things we hold dear, yet some would throw it all away, for the sake of having more control over us and our lives. Are we that summer soldier or sunshine patriot that Paine talks about? I'm afraid if we don't stand up and say, "Enough is enough", we will slowly start to lose some of our freedoms. And freedom of religion will be one of them. I'd hate to see the time when someone would be banned from sharing their belief in public. This nation was founded on the Word of God, yet today so many don't believe it. Washington said, "It is written in the Bible that the great Author of the Universe has provided man the authority for self-government. It is in His providence we shall respect to guide this nation." God's hand was and still is upon this nation is we'd only call upon Him, not only in times of need for our nation, but also, in our daily life.

The American Legion Family is at work today to fulfill God's plan for this nation. We are the hands and feet that still continue to serve these United States of America--not just as members of this organization, but by the works we do through the many programs that the American Legion Family provides. If you are not yet involved, become involved with us.

Until next month, God's blessings to you and yours in 2022.

Larry H. Otto

1<sup>st</sup> District Chaplain

Hello Area 4 Comrades!

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Now that the new year is upon us I am hoping to get out and around visiting more posts. If you have any issues you need help with please let me know so we can help solve them.

January 8, 2022 Waseca Post 228 will be hosting First District Mid-Winter. The sessions will start at 10:00 AM. I hope our Area 4 Post Commanders and membership can come and participate. The post is located at 700 South State Street, Waseca, MN.

Our District Membership Director has set the next target date for our membership goal to be on 1/20/2022 for Mid-Winter at 80%. Freeborn County is at 78.32% and Mower County is at 82.02%. Area 4 is at 80.2% however we still have a few post that are under that 80%. We need to continue to work on our membership.

I notice in the Minnesota Legionnaire last month that the Minnesota American Legion Softball program was initially planned to be Fund 51, but the Minnesota American Legion Foundation now has selected a new number. Fund 60. If there are any posts wishing to donate to Fast Pitch Softball you can use charitable gambling funds and should make checks out to "Minnesota American Legion Foundation Fund 60." Mail it to Minnesota American Legion Fast-pitch Softball, 20 W. 12th St. Room 300A, St. Paul MN 55155.

A few months ago I talked about how each post should look to recognize those citizens within our communities that go above and beyond performing their jobs and duties. Now would be a good time to start looking to your post members, your Fire Chief, Police Chief, National Guard Commander, City Counsel, citizens or maybe someone you even know yourself that might be recommended for those individuals. Nominate them for the National Guard Member of The Year, Law-Enforcement Officer of The Year, Fire Fighter of The Year Etc. We have a number of citizens within our cities that are highly qualified for these awards and should be recognized for their outstanding performances and accomplishments. Awards should be awarded to well-rounded individual's who have exceeded the duty requirements expected of his or her position. Those that have demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, coupled with professional achievement.

Some Significant Events that happened in January:

1863: The Emancipation Proclamation was made by Abraham Lincoln 1863. It freed all Confederate slaves, and had followed from the statements he made after 1862's Battle of Antietam.

1962:( United States Navy's Sea, Air, Land Teams ) Created better known as Navy SEALs as the U.S. Navy's principal special operations force.

1973: On January 27th in 1973, officials from the United States and North Vietnam signed a treaty at the Majestic Hotel in Paris, formally ending U.S. participation in a war that had created deep political divisions in American society, fueled by a dozen years of U.S. involvement in this Cold War battleground.

1991: On January 16th, 1991 marked the start of Persian Gulf War when President George H.W. Bush, in a speech from the Oval Office, announced the start of Operation Desert Storm. The attack featured the "shock and awe" precision bombing of Baghdad by U.S. F-117 Nighthawk twin-engine stealth aircraft.

Until next month everyone stay warm!

Area 4 Vice Commander

Wes Halverson

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**March 12, 2022– Department Appreciation Rally -Forest Lake American Legion Post 225, 355 W Broadway Ave. Forest Lake, MN.**

**March 19 , 2022– First District Jr Conference – Glenville Post 264, 331 W Main, Glenville, MN Exec Board 9:00 AM, Conference called to order immediately after Exec Board.**

**March 26, 2022 West Side Rally—Ellendale Community Center, 1:00PM**

**April 30, 2022 – First District Leaders combined testimonials – At Eyota Post 551, 11 Madison Ave SW, Eyota, MN**

**May 7, 2022 – First District SAL & ALR Conferences – Albert Lea Post 56, 142 North Broadway, Albert Lea, MN**

**May 21, 2022—The First District Legion and Auxiliary Convention - Albert Lea Post 56, 142 North Broadway, Albert Lea, MN - 8:30 AM Exec Boards, 10 AM Convention call to order.**

## FROM AREA THREE

Thank you for your service and dedication to our country and to the American Legion. Christmas is now past and I hope everyone had a great Christmas and great family time. We had a good time at our District Christmas gathering.

The New Year is on our front step. I hope everyone stays safe. The weather may be a little bit more traditional for that weekend.

January 2022 starts out with the District Midwinter rally January 8th at the Waseca post 228. We hope to see many of you there. This is the place to get first hand information.

Membership-turn them in !!! Keep up your continuous years of membership and some of your benefits. In some other states you need a current card to get into or served at the American Legion.

We have many programs to help support our Veterans Rehabilitation, Children and youth. Another New program is women's fast pitch softball Rolling out this year. Pray for peace and the slowdown of covid19.

Pray for all Military personnel, whether at home or deployed. Continue the work of the American Legion and programs.

Dale Wellik  
Area Three Vice Commander

## GREETINGS FROM AREA TWO



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I am on the global war on terrorism design committee in Rochester, MN. We are asking for anyone in a 75 mile radius of Rochester to write us about any stories and or remembrance you have had. If you were one of the ones who were activated or were a fire man, policeman or first responder even if we're one of many dog handlers. What we thinking for a design is a time line even type of theme this will be an extension to the war memorial at Solders Field, so if you have any memories of that send them to [markmaloney1962@gmail.com](mailto:markmaloney1962@gmail.com). Thanks  
The Olmsted Committee

Commander  
Mark A Maloney III

## The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2022 Membership Report for December 16, 2021

Dist	Post	Location	New 2022	PUFL 2022	Online 2022	Trad 2022	Paid 2022	HQ Trans 2022	Total Membr 2022	Goal 2022	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2022	Last yr at this dae
1	9	Winona	2	30	0	374	406	1	407	505	80.59%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	5	8	0	45	58	0	58	73	79.45%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	2	18	0	94	114	1	115	135	85.19%	0	0
1		<b>Winona County</b>	9	56	0	513	578	2	580	713	81.35%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	2	47	0	120	169	0	169	219	77.17%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	16	20	0	121	157	1	158	145	108.97%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	0	28	0	97	125	0	125	148	84.46%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	8	0	42	50	0	50	61	81.97%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	2	0	22	24	0	24	28	85.71%	0	0
1	579	Millville	0	20	0	77	97	0	97	151	64.24%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	0	9	0	49	58	0	58	69	84.06%	0	0
1		<b>Wabsha County</b>	18	134	0	528	680	1	681	821	82.95%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	2	94	0	518	614	1	615	808	76.11%	0	0
1	119	Byron	2	18	0	51	71	0	71	130	54.62%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	4	26	0	236	266	2	268	283	94.70%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	2	0	8	10	0	10	16	62.50%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	6	21	0	117	144	0	144	180	80.00%	0	0
1		<b>Olmsted County</b>	14	161	0	930	1105	3	1108	1417	78.19%	0	0
1		<b>Area One</b>	41	351	0	1971	2363	6	2369	2951	80.28%	0	0
1	295	West Concord	2	8	0	29	39	0	39	49	79.59%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	1	19	0	117	137	0	137	178	76.97%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	7	31	0	176	214	0	214	262	81.68%	0	0
1	384	Dodge Center	0	7	0	51	58	0	58	81	71.60%	0	0
1	422	Claremont	0	3	0	25	28	0	28	31	90.32%	0	0
1		<b>Dodge County</b>	10	68	0	398	476	0	476	601	79.20%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	1	15	0	58	74	0	74	91	81.32%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	3	53	0	178	234	0	234	429	54.55%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	4	0	25	29	0	29	36	80.56%	0	0
1		<b>Steel County</b>	4	72	0	261	337	0	337	556	60.61%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	1	8	0	32	41	0	41	50	82.00%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	3	22	0	217	242	0	242	288	84.03%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	3	7	0	71	81	0	81	88	92.05%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	1	0	0	20	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1		<b>Waseca County</b>	8	37	0	340	385	0	385	449	85.75%	0	0
		<b>Area Two</b>	22	177	0	999	1198	0	1198	1606	74.60%	0	0

1	40	Lanesboro	1	14	0	78	93	0	93	109	85.32%	0	0
1	68	Spring Valley	1	8	0	57	66	0	66	74	89.19%	0	0
1	81	Harmony	0	1	0	19	20	0	20	31	64.52%	0	0
1	94	Rushford	0	10	0	10	20	0	20	105	19.05%	0	0
1	166	Preston	0	17	0	29	46	0	46	53	86.79%	0	0
1	197	Chatfield	0	2	0	35	37	0	37	40	92.50%	0	0
1	299	Mabel	3	30	0	91	124	0	124	160	77.50%	0	0
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	16	16	0	16	18	88.89%	0	0
1	400	Canton	1	0	0	16	17	0	17	21	80.95%	0	0
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	14	50.00%	0	0
1	526	Peterson	2	4	0	29	35	0	35	39	89.74%	0	0
1	544	Ostrander	0	3	0	16	19	0	19	23	82.61%	0	0
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	11	63.64%	0	0
1		<b>Fillmore County</b>	8	89	0	410	507	0	507	698	72.64%	0	0
1	191	Caledonia	0	17	0	98	115	0	115	139	82.73%	0	0
1	249	Spring Grove	3	12	0	99	114	0	114	149	76.51%	0	0
1	423	Houston	3	7	0	81	91	0	91	102	89.22%	0	0
1	498	Hokah	0	1	0	20	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1	595	LaCrescent	0	45	0	158	203	0	203	259	78.38%	0	0
1		<b>Houston County</b>	6	82	0	456	544	0	544	672	80.95%	0	0
1		<b>Area Three</b>	14	171	0	866	1051	0	1051	1370	76.72%	0	0
1	56	Albert Lea	3	36	0	371	410	1	411	522	78.74%	0	0
1	264	Glenville	1	8	0	47	56	0	56	70	80.00%	0	0
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	14	92.86%	0	0
1	317	Emmons	2	3	0	41	46	0	46	48	95.83%	0	0
1	404	Alden	1	4	0	57	62	0	62	98	63.27%	0	0
1	552	Freeborn	0	5	0	21	26	0	26	32	81.25%	0	0
1		<b>Freeborn County</b>	7	57	0	549	613	1	614	784	78.32%	0	0
1	91	Austin	11	52	0	309	372	4	376	474	79.32%	0	0
1	105	Lyle	2	8	0	64	74	0	74	84	88.10%	0	0
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	2	0	28	30	0	30	42	71.43%	0	0
1	146	Adams	5	20	0	117	142	0	142	151	94.04%	0	0
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	0	36	40	0	40	56	71.43%	0	0
1	570	Austin Spam	1	0	0	12	13	0	13	16	81.25%	0	0
1		<b>Mower County</b>	19	86	0	566	671	4	675	823	82.02%	0	0
1		<b>Area Four</b>	26	143	0	1115	1284	5	1289	1607	80.21%	0	0
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1		<b>District Totals</b>	103	842	0	4951	5896	11	5907	7534	78.40%	0	0

**DISTRICT VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS**

		Vice Commanders											
		<b>Area One</b>	41	351	0	1971	2363	6	2369	2951	80.28%	0	0
		<b>Area Two</b>	22	177	0	999	1198	0	1198	1606	74.60%	0	0
		<b>Area Three</b>	14	171	0	866	1051	0	1051	1370	76.72%	0	0
		<b>Area Four</b>	26	143	0	1115	1284	5	1289	1607	80.21%	0	0

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA 2021 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 12/16/21**

Dist	Rank												
1	5th	Mike Parry	103	842	0	4951	5896	11	5907	7534	78.40%		
2	2nd	Steve Fosness	74	632	0	4007	4713	13	4726	5826	80.90%		
3	8th	Bob Hart	165	1566	0	6667	8,398	26	8,426	10,742	78.18%		
4	7th	Dave Dahl	30	252	0	1220	1502	6	1508	1,921	78.19%		
5	10th	Wade Larson	19	299	0	1031	1349	1	1350	1881	71.72%		
6	3rd	Jim Lucas	170	1087	0	6925	8182	40	8,222	10,136	80.73%		
7	1st	Chip Manson	59	680	0	3749	4488	25	4513	5,509	81.47%		
8	4th	Larry Pocrnich	53	311	0	2352	2716	11	2727	3380	80.36%		
9	9th	Terry Buaas	83	535	0	3917	4535	21	4556	5802	78.16%		
10	6th	Daryl Harmon	135	921	0	5494	6550	21	6571	8376	78.20%		
99			1	211	0	1381	1592	0	1592	3469	45.89%		

**FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

Hello All,

The next target date is 1/20/2022 for Mid-Winter at 80%. We now have 35 of 57 posts already at this goal.

I would like to request that all area vice commanders review the report and start contacting the posts that are under the goal. See if there is anything that we can do to help them achieve this goal.

Lake City Post 110 is still the only post above 100%. We have a number of posts that are on the heels of Lake City.

Thank you for all of your hard work, we have a ways to go to the finish line.

Mary Hanson  
1st District Membership Director



NATIONAL COMMANDER PAUL E. DILLARD  
2022 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN  
CERTIFICATION FORM



Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address provided is for the recruiter and not the post

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO RECRUITER     MAIL TO POST

**TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION.**

**(A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE VETERAN JOINING FOR THE 2022 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2021 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT AS NEW MEMBERS.)**

**PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION. PINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30, 2022.**

**(3) NEW MEMBERS:**

**(Include full name, ID number, department, post)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_


3. \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed forms to:  
The American Legion  
National Internal Affairs & Membership Division  
PO Box 1055  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Fax: 317-630-1413  
Email: [kadams@legion.org](mailto:kadams@legion.org)

Memorial Day is coming so if you visit a cemetery don't remove the coins as they have meaning.

## THE MEANING OF COINS ON A HEADSTONE




A penny, you stopped and paid your respects.



A nickle, you attended bootcamp with them



A dime, you served in the armed forces with them



A quarter, you were with the soldier when they were killed

**IF YOU WONDERED WHY WE DO NOT WALK BETWEEN OR "BREAK" THE COLORS AT LEGION EVENTS, THIS IS THE REASON WHY.**



### This Is Hallowed Ground

#### Why You Don't Walk Between The Colors

Between the flags that proudly fly  
 Let no one dare to stand  
 For here our fallen comrades lie,  
 We call it Hallowed Ground.  
 A symbol, yes, but mark it well;  
 Here let us ever humbly pause  
 In Memory of the ones who fell  
 In fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea or land these buddies died.  
 Some lie beneath a foreign sod  
 In graves caressed by winds and tide,  
 In spots unknown to all but God.  
 And so this place is Hallowed Ground.  
 And it shall be forever blessed,  
 As though it were a grassy mound  
 Beneath which gallant heroes rest

Be ever watchful, Legionnaire.  
 Of those two flags which signify  
 That we should guard this spot with care  
 Where our departed comrades lie.  
 And, if a man should dare to tread  
 This spot where lie our gallant brave,  
 He desecrates those noble dead  
 As tho he walked upon their grave.



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

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### From the President's Desk

First District Auxiliary is in 7<sup>th</sup> place in the department as of December 29. There is a lot of work to be done to get these numbers up. There are many units that are still just over 50%. Please work on meeting the goals and work with the members to get them paid up. It is the end of 2021 and we still have a long way to go.

There is the First District Mid-Winter Conference at the Waseca Legion on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Auxiliary will not be having an executive board meeting. Call to order is at 10 a.m. and registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. There will be a silent auction that will be for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Please bring something to donate to this auction. This is going to be a baking sale as well. Please come and enjoy the company of the American Legion Family. The cost for Mid-Winter is \$5 registration and \$8 for the meal.

There will be a Sweetheart Rally held for the Department on February 5, 2022. Membership turn in is at 11 a.m. to noon, lunch at 12:30 p.m. and the program will follow the meal. You have to make prepaid reservations by Friday, January 28, 2022. The cost will be \$16 and the check should be payable to ALA Dept of MN – State Veterans Service Bldg – 20 W 12<sup>th</sup> St. – Room #314 – St. Paul, MN 55155. Also please list name of attendee, email, phone number and meal choice with reservation. The menu is smoked pork chop or baked chicken served with potato, vegetable, bread, dessert and coffee.

The president's project this year is items for the new veteran's home being built in Preston, MN and they are in need of things for the home. The SAL Commander Chuck Stone and I are going together to help get enough donations to get a plaque of all the military branches and if we raise enough, we will also get a flagpole. Please look at donating to this project to get the veterans something to view when they are staying at the home.

Please continue to work at making veterans feel worth it. The New Year can bring on challenges and happiness. Please make every second count in the New Year and be safe.

Thank you,

Tonia Bettermann  
1<sup>st</sup> District Auxiliary President

## FROM YOUR AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Greetings:

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas!!! Now time to move on to a Great New Year!!

I am going to take this time to introduce myself, which obviously I should have done before, as I've had several people contact me regarding the "right" person they should be reporting to. My name is Kathy Fredrickson, your 1<sup>st</sup> District Membership Chairman. I have gone by Kathy Buker Fredrickson, as I was a Buker until June of 2020 when I married my husband, David. Unfortunately, I have just gotten around to changing my name to Fredrickson, so my email and maybe other items have been going under Kathy Buker causing much confusion to some. In any case, please know that I am here to help you in any way that I can. I'm just an email, call, or text away.

The Northwestern Division, of which Minnesota is in, is still in 1<sup>st</sup> Place, only behind South Dakota and Nebraska. As of this writing we made 76.96%, which is great, but we didn't make it by Pearl Harbor Rally. Now we need to continue working to meet the next Northwestern Membership goal of 80% by January 31, 2022. TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!!

1<sup>st</sup> District went down a rank to 7<sup>th</sup> place at 73.30%. This means we must push all Units and members to get their dues paid and submitted before the January 31, 2022, cutoff for the goal. I know we can do it and Together, we will do it!!

Congratulations to these two Units on make 100%:

Wykoff Unit 369	9/21/21
Grand Meadow Unit 140	11/30/21

We have 17 Units who are getting close:

Blooming Prairie Unit 50	Mazeppa Unit 558
Caledonia Unit 191	Peterson Unit 526
Eyota Unit 551	Spring Grove Unit 249
Freeborn Unit 552	Spring Valley Unit 68
Hokah Unit 498	Stewartville Unit 164
Houston Unit 423	Waseca Unit 228
Kellogg Unit 546	Whalan Unit 637
Lanesboro Unit 40	Winona Unit 9
Millville Unit 579	

However, we still have one Unit with a goose egg, Rushford Unit 94, but we are working diligently to get these members paid up.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you for your hard work and working with your Units and Members on membership. Membership is what keeps our Units growing and thriving. If there is anything I can do to help you, please feel free to get a hold of me---I'll answer to any name you want to call me!!!

Happy New Year  
Kathy Fredrickson, 1<sup>st</sup> District Membership Chairperson

## RENEW - RECRUIT - REJOIN

Together, We Can Do It!

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	12/30/2020 Membership Last Year	Difference from Last Year
One	48	3,802	105	2,892	76.07%	3131	239
Two	72	3,745	147	3,021	80.67%	3082	61
Three	46	3,671	210	2,993	81.53%	2985	-8
Four	7	563	4	387	68.74%	445	58
Five	7	509	3	384	75.44%	380	-4
Six	62	4,855	148	3,971	81.79%	4037	66
Seven	60	2,970	44	2,372	79.87%	2433	61
Eight	25	1,214	68	949	78.17%	982	33
Nine	49	3,239	119	2,550	78.73%	2611	61
Ten	44	3,765	128	2,818	74.85%	2941	123
1982 Dept	1	203	4	168	82.76%	182	14
<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>28,536</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>22,505</b>	<b>78.87%</b>	<b>23209</b>	<b>704</b>

Group 1 (Even)	210	14,142	495	11,146	78.81%	11,487	341
<i>Sharon Thiemecke</i>							
Group 2 (Odd)	210	14,191	481	11,191	78.86%	11,540	349
<i>Mary Kuperus</i>							



### RANKINGS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
81.79%	81.53%	80.67%	79.87%	78.73%	78.17%	76.07%	75.44%	74.85%	68.74%
District #6	District #3	District #2	District #7	District #9	District #8	District #1	District #5	District #10	District #4



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Thank you,

**Jacquelyn Wolff**  
**Emergency Fund Chairman**

	#	Unit Name	2021 Final Count	2022 DNO	Period Gain Juniors	Period Gain Seniors	2022 Paid Online Juniors	2022 Paid Online Seniors	Period Gain Totals	Juniors To Date	Seniors To Date	To Date Totals	Percent	DNO/Date
<b>1</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>Adams</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>130</b>		<b>5</b>			<b>5</b>	8	95	103	79.23%	
1	56	Albert Lea	265	266					0		202	202	75.94%	
1	404	Alden	41	42					0		21	21	50.00%	
1	91	Austin	121	122					0		79	79	64.75%	
1	52	Blooming Prairie	88	89					0	1	73	74	83.15%	
1	119	Byron	22	23					0		14	14	60.87%	
1	191	Caledonia	70	71					0	3	59	62	87.32%	
1	197	Chatfield	25	26		1			1		19	19	73.08%	
<b>1</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>Claremont</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>					<b>0</b>		1	1	4.76%	
1	384	Dodge Center	56	57					0	2	33	35	61.40%	
<b>1</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>Elgin</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>					<b>0</b>		7	7	50.00%	
1	551	Eyota	94	95					0	2	86	88	92.63%	
1	552	Freeborn	57	58					0	5	45	50	86.21%	
<b>1</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>Glenville</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>					<b>0</b>	10	62	72	75.00%	
1	140	Grand Meadow	61	62					0	7	<b>55</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>11/30/2021</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>Harmony</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>					<b>0</b>	9	21	30	56.60%	
1	330	Hayfield	170	171			1		1	12	117	129	75.44%	
1	498	Hokah	17	18					0		15	15	83.33%	
1	423	Houston	116	117					0	5	106	111	94.87%	
<b>1</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>Kasson</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	5	107	112	78.32%	
1	546	Kellogg	99	100					0	3	79	82	82.00%	
1	595	La Crescent	159	160					0		102	102	63.75%	
<b>1</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>Lake City</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>					<b>0</b>	3	38	41	58.57%	
1	40	Lanesboro	83	84		60			60		68	68	80.95%	
<b>1</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>LeRoy</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>					<b>0</b>	10	19	29	59.18%	
1	90	Lewiston	35	36			1		1	2	24	26	72.22%	
<b>1</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>Lyle</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>					<b>0</b>	7	22	29	54.72%	
<b>1</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>Mabel</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>120</b>					<b>0</b>	10	73	83	69.17%	
1	588	Mazeppa	36	37					0	1	30	31	83.78%	
1	579	Millville	44	45					0		37	37	82.22%	
1	75	New Richland	40	41					0		30	30	73.17%	
1	544	Ostrander	12	13					0		8	8	61.54%	
1	77	Owatonna	103	104		3			3		72	72	69.23%	

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1	526	Peterson	44	45					0	1	38	39	86.67%	
1	179	Plainview	126	127					0	4	74	78	61.42%	
1	92	Rochester	129	130	1		1	2	7	83	90	69.23%		
1	94	Rushford	38	39					0			0	0.00%	
1	249	Spring Grove	93	94					0	5	71	76	80.85%	
1	68	Spring Valley	39	40		2			2		36	36	90.00%	
1	190	St Charles	45	46					0		2	2	4.35%	
1	164	Stewartville	163	164		11			11	4	130	134	81.71%	
1	50	Wabasha	103	104					0	2	81	83	79.81%	
1	587	Waldorf	18	19					0	1	13	14	73.68%	
1	228	Waseca	224	225	1	15			16	11	170	181	80.44%	
1	295	West Concord	28	29					0		1	1	3.45%	
1	637	Whalan	17	18					0		16	16	88.89%	
1	9	Winona	118	119	1	18			19	2	94	96	80.67%	
1	369	Wykoff	16	17					0		17	17	100.00%	9/21/2021
48		1st District Totals	3,754	3,802	4	118	0	4	126	142	2,645	2,787	73.30%	

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**Thank you,**

**Jacquelyn Wolff  
Emergency Fund Chairman**

## 1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership As of December 29, 2021

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
9	Winona	119	97		97	81.51%	22
90	Lewiston	36	26		26	72.22%	10
190	St Charles	46	2		2	4.35%	44
50	Wabasha	104	89		89	85.58%	15
110	Lake City	70	41		41	58.57%	29
179	Plainview	127	78		78	61.42%	49
546	Kellogg	100	87		87	87.00%	13
573	Elgin	14	7		7	50.00%	7
579	Millville	45	37		37	82.22%	8
588	Mazeppa	37	31		31	83.78%	6
92	Rochester	130	91		91	70.00%	39
119	Byron	23	14		14	60.87%	9
164	Stewartville	164	140		140	85.37%	24
551	Eyota	95	92		92	96.84%	3
<b>Pod One Total</b>		<b>1110</b>	<b>832</b>		<b>832</b>	<b>74.95%</b>	<b>278</b>
295	West Concord	29	26		26	89.66%	3
330	Hayfield	171	135		135	78.95%	36
333	Kasson	143	117		117	81.82%	26
384	Dodge Center	57	42		42	73.68%	15
422	Claremont	21	19		19	90.48%	2
52	Blooming Prairie	89	74		74	83.15%	15
77	Owatonna	104	72		72	69.23%	32
75	New Richland	41	30		30	73.17%	11
228	Waseca	225	181		181	80.44%	44
587	Waldorf	19	14		14	73.68%	5
<b>Pod Two Totals</b>		<b>899</b>	<b>710</b>		<b>710</b>	<b>78.98%</b>	<b>189</b>
40	Lanesboro	84	68		68	80.95%	16
68	Spring Valley	40	36		36	90.00%	4
81	Harmony	53	30		30	56.60%	23
94	Rushford	39	0		0	0.00%	39
197	Chatfield	26	19		19	73.08%	7
299	Mabel	120	83		83	69.17%	37
369	Wykoff	17	17		17	100.00%	0
526	Peterson	45	39		39	86.67%	6
544	Ostrander	13	8		8	61.54%	5
637	Whalan	18	16		16	88.89%	2
191	Caledonia	71	62		62	87.32%	9
249	Spring Grove	94	76		76	80.85%	18
423	Houston	117	111		111	94.87%	6
498	Hokah	18	15		15	83.33%	3
595	La Crescent	160	102		102	63.75%	58

<b>Pod Three Totals</b>		<b>915</b>	<b>682</b>		<b>682</b>	<b>74.54%</b>	<b>233</b>
56	Albert Lea	266	211		211	79.32%	55
264	Glenville	96	81		81	84.38%	15
404	Alden	42	21		21	50.00%	21
552	Freeborn	58	51		51	87.93%	7
91	Austin	122	79		79	64.75%	43
105	Lyle	53	29		29	54.72%	24
140	Grand Meadow	62	62		62	100.00%	0
146	Adams	130	105		105	80.77%	25
161	Leroy	49	29		29	59.18%	20
<b>Pod Four Totals</b>		<b>878</b>	<b>668</b>		<b>668</b>	<b>76.08%</b>	<b>210</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>3802</b>	<b>2892</b>		<b>2892</b>	<b>76.07%</b>	<b>910</b>

For any of you who like the report for the district broken down in the area pods, here is the same report as department above but broken down into area

## **FROM YOUR JR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN**

On page 21 of this newsletter are just a couple of things that the American Legion Auxiliary Jr's do.

If you have Jr's in your unit please try to get them more to be more active in helping in the post and communities..

They are going to be our future so lets get them mentored the right way,.

Lets make 2022 a great year for the American Legion Auxiliary and its Jrs.

First District Jr Activities Chairman

Sharon Hammon

Happy New Year to you all!!! It is going to be a GREAT New Year I'm sure.

First of all, I would like to thank you all for what you are doing for your Units & specifically for staying on top of your membership promotions and collections. The American Legion is nothing without our members which is why it is so important to keep those we have and to sign up any/all new members we can find.

Attached, please find a membership letter from our State Membership Chair Linda Kelly. She has asked that I send this out to my list of Unit Chairpersons in hopes that we can reach everyone. I, myself, would like to thank Linda for all her help in promoting membership within our great state of Minnesota.

Again, if there is anything I can do to help you with your membership please feel free to call me, text me or email me with your questions. I can be reached at this email address or my telephone number is 507-438-1568. I will be the first to admit I don't answer telephone numbers I don't recognize, so **PLEASE** leave a message and I will call you back.

Have a great New Year's but please stay safe.

Kathy Fredrickson, 1st District Membership Chair

Happy New Year to all Minnesota Auxiliary members. I wish each of you a year filled with peace, happiness, and good health.

The Auxiliary has always been known for its helpfulness – among each other, for our veterans and their families, for our youth and community. We are truly part of a family – The American Legion Family. The projects completed by our members are awesome. Not every unit works every program and that's OK. We have the freedom to choose the ones that work for our membership. Hopefully, every year you try something new. As I get older, I try to venture into something new every year – I might even take a class on pickleball.

Membership is the one program that I encourage all units to work, because without our members we can't work the other programs. It takes members to organize a fundraiser, get the word out to the school about the Girls State Program and the available scholarships. It takes members to work in the kitchen, sell poppies, and talk about our great organization. The things our members do is endless.

Since we are now in a new year, I hope that your unit will look at your unpaid memberships. As I have told you in the past, membership is not the job of just the chairman – it is the responsibility of all of us. Consider organizing a committee of volunteers that are willing to contact unpaid members, put up posters around town about the ALA, contact spouses of your Legion's members that don't belong, put a news article in your local paper. The membership chairman is not going to be exposed to all those individuals that are eligible to join.

We are just 330 members away from being at 80% of Minnesota's goal. That is a goal that the Northwestern Division set a few weeks ago. This is possible if we all work together.

I do ask that if you have any paid memberships to get them mailed into the office now. There are benefits that members are entitled to, but if their membership hasn't been sent in, they would not be eligible. For example, members that have an emergency can apply for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, but they must be a member. If the Department doesn't have your payments, they would not qualify.

The unit mailing is ready to be mailed out. Since this usually goes out to the Unit President, I hope that you will ask to see my Membership article. I have listed a few suggestions to initiate ways to gain members and be sure your current members are paid. Please share some of these ideas at your next meeting.

The majority of memberships are paid before the end of the year, which makes the unpaid ones more of a challenge now, but I am sure you are up to that task. Always know that your District's membership chairman, our Department President Patti and I am available to help in any way we can.

Since I have a little space left, I am going to repeat some of my ideas for membership:

*Hold an Open House for your Legion Family and invite the community in to see who we are.*

*Submit an article to your paper about the good deeds you do for veterans, youth, and community.*

*Ask a friend or neighbor to join.*

*Offer to speak at a local organization's meeting.*

*Do all your family members belong?*

## FROM YOUR HONORARY JR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

**Happy Holidays everyone! The Juniors have been out and around all over the First District! They've done anything from shoveling snow off memorials , Christmas Caroling and rining bells for the red kettles. Remember to keep your Juniors involved and take note of the things that they have been doing so that they are able to share at the First District Junior Conference.**

**Remember if you want to donate to my project, the checks need to made out to: The First District ALA with The District Honorary Jr President's project in the memo line and sent to Audrey Farnsworth at: 302 1st St E, Stewartville, MN 55976**

**Taylor McElroy—First District Honorary Jr Auxiliary President**

## SOME INFORMATION ON BELIEVET SERVICE DOGS

### OUR PROGRAM

#### The Need

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs conducted a broad survey of recent veterans to gain better insight on their overall health. In raw numbers, it is estimated that a sobering 500,000 troops from the Gulf Wars alone have been diagnosed with PTSD, according to Miriam Reisman ("PTSD Treatment for Veterans: What's Working, What's New, and What's Next," U.S. National Library of Medicine, 2016). PTSD can be described as a mental health condition that may result from experiencing or witnessing trauma. Symptoms include flashbacks, nightmares, severe anxiety, depression, and confusion. This condition—often accompanied by major depression and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI)—can make it difficult, if not impossible, to meet the normal demands of daily life. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 20 deployed veterans die by suicide every day in the United States (Office of Suicide Prevention, "Suicide Among Veterans and Other Americans, 2001–2014," 2016).

#### Our Response

Trained service dogs can provide an essential source of security, affection, and connection for our veterans. Believevet™ dogs are custom-trained for mobility and psychiatric tasks. They can wake a veteran from a nightmare, ease their anxiety in a crowded public place, and provide comfort through companionship and physical contact. Our dogs also help keep veterans on a schedule because the dogs need care and attention on a regular basis.

These is a growing body of research and clinical evidence supporting the value of service dogs. Despite this, neither the Veterans Health Administration nor most private insurers pay for or provide reimbursement for psychiatric service dogs for people diagnosed with PTSD. Believevet™ provides highly trained service dogs, free of charge, to disabled veterans, helping them to lead more productive, independent lives. A service dog provides a sense of security, greater independence, non-judgmental acceptance, affection, physical assistance, and peace of mind.

#### Our Dogs

Believevet™ service dogs transform the lives of veterans and their families. The dogs come from shelters, rescue groups, and generous individuals. The training process for the service dogs is as follows:

1. Over the course of 18 months, Believevet™ cares for and trains our service dogs to become ADA-approved and certified. During this time the dogs live with a foster family.
2. Believevet™ matches a veteran with a service dog and provides additional training tailored to the veteran's individual needs. Together, the veteran and service dog participate in 120 hours of training, including public access training and testing. Believevet™ provides all equipment free of charge.
3. Graduation! Once training is complete, the dog and veteran graduate. The Believevet™ service dog goes to live with the veteran.

#### Our Facility

Believevet™'s training facility is located on 12 acres just 3 miles outside of Northfield, Minnesota, (45 minutes south of Minneapolis). Our facility is heated and air-conditioned, and includes indoor and outdoor training spaces, and fenced outdoor airing yards. We can accommodate a maximum of 25 dogs at capacity.

For more information check out their website at: [believevet.org](http://believevet.org)



Honorary First District President Taylor McElroy along with two other members of her Unit 161 Jr's helping the American Legion remove the snow from the Veterans Memorial in downtown LeRoy.



A couple of the Stewartville Unit 164 Jr Auxiliary members helping the Stewartville Sons of the American Legion with ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Res Kettle program.



Some of the Stewartville Jr Auxiliary members decorating Christmas Stockings. They were filled with Christmas goodies to be distributed to soldiers thru the Holiday Stockings for Heroes program



Stewartville Sons of the American Legion along with the Stewartville American Legion Auxiliary Jr's ring bells for the Salvation Army red kettle program..

**DON'T YOU DARE GIVE UP  
ON THIS LIFE. NOT TONIGHT.  
NOT TOMORROW. NOT EVER**



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**NOT ALL WOUNDS ARE VISIBLE**

# 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: <a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records">www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records</a>	
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"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<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.)	
<b>To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer</b>	
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
Name	Phone
Name	Phone
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.*



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

### COMMANDER

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### FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S DESK

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hopefully 2022 will bring some changes for the better, like putting covid behind us once and for all. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Mid-winter meetings in Waseca on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### ADJUTANT

We have a few squadrons still on the goose egg. If you need assistance with your membership, please DO NOT be afraid to reach out with a phone call. I am here to assist you any way I can. The processing of membership is getting easier with the online system. It is not that complicated and after working with the system/program for a while it is truly a move forward. I will admit that not being a computer guy it is challenging.

### EAST SIDE VICE COMMANDER

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Stay safe, stay warm and enjoy winter and all its beauty,

Chuck Stone

### WEST SIDE VICE COMMANDER

### MEMBERSHIP



### FINANCE OFFICER

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## FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

As the holiday season ends, we welcome in a new year. The 1st District American Legion Riders are looking forward to bringing back the Tour of the 1st District Ride.

We are looking at changing it a little bit. Donations will not only be collected for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, but also other funds related to Suicide Awareness. In addition to monetary donations, we will be collecting Toys for Tots by celebrating Christmas in July.

Sunday, January 16 at 3pm in Stewartville the ALR will be meeting to discuss the Ride.

We will also taking nominations for 2022-2023 officers.





JOIN US FOR OUR

# 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**\$10<sup>00</sup>** AT THE DOOR,  
NO ADVANCE SALES

**Includes:**  
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce  
Garlic Breadstick  
and a side Caesar salad.

**DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH 2022**

**TIME: 5 - 7 PM**

**LOCATION: OWATONNA AMERICAN LEGION**

**Eat-In  
Take-Out**



**ALL  
AGES  
WELCOME!**

# January 2022



Legion 92 Club Hours: Mon - Thu: 11am - 11pm / Fri & Sat: 11am - 12am / Sun: 11am - 8pm  
 JAC's at The Legion 92 Hours: Sun & Mon: 11am - 7pm / Tue & Wed: 11am - 8pm / Thu - Sat: 11am - 9pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 		<p>SAL Meeting 6pm The Legion 92 Club</p>				 
	 	<p>Auxiliary Meeting 6pm the Main Office</p> <p>Post 92 Meeting 6pm The Legion 92 Club</p>	 		 	 
		<p><u>NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE</u>  <b>GIFT CARDS</b>                      Good for food, drinks, flags, swag, and membership dues</p>		<p><b>HEY POST 92 LEGION FAMILY (Auxiliary and SAL, too)</b></p> <p><b>Ask how you can get your Post 92 membership benefit card today!</b></p> <p><b>That's over a \$150 value for being a member of our Post 92 Legion Family!</b></p>		



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

4:30pm – 7:30pm or until gone

Includes a hearty meat sauce, garlic toast & side salad

\$10 – Adult (\$8 with current Legion membership card)

\$6 – Children 6-10 years old

Free - Children 5 & younger

Eyota American Legion Riders  
American Legion Post 551 Eyota, MN



Proceeds will be going to local veterans & their families



# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Initial Last Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ID# former member \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender  Male  Female

### Please check war era and branch of service below:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada      | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam              | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea                | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts      |   |

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check [www.legion.org/join](http://www.legion.org/join) for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).**

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## DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Recruiter's name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's phone # \_\_\_\_\_



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Initial Last Initial Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State ZIP Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).**

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## DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (Required)  Birth - 17  18 and older

Have you been a member previously?  Yes  No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member)  Living  Deceased

If Living: American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

### Veteran served: (check all that apply)

- WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)
- Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):
- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea           |  |

### Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- |  |                                      |                                 |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister      | <input type="checkbox"/> Self   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter) |                                      |                                 |

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Recruiter's name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership pending approval of application.**