



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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 14, 2020—Valentines Day, remember your love.

February 17, 2020 the National Commander's Tour. Schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.

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.

March 14, 3030—The First District Jr Conference. See the Call To Conference in the Auxiliary section of this newsletter.

March 21, 2020—Department Appreciation rally, LaCrescent Post 595, more information will be coming.



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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.

## FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings First District American legion family.

This year is going to be busy. In January we had the mid-winter rally in Stewartville with the Four Chaplains Ceremony, a video of "15 questions to ask a veteran", the oratorical contest and reports.

We also had a presentation on a Gold Star memorial from a Gold Star family, it will be the first one in Minnesota.

Membership is progressing along pretty well we have some posts at goal and still getting new members. Good job keep going forward.

We have the revitalization at 10:00 and educational rally in Austin on February 22 at 2:00. We will need people to help call that day.

February. 8th is the Sweetheart Family gathering at the Montgomery Post 79. 11:00-12:00 social. 12:00-1:00 meal program to follow. Reserve your meal by calling the post at 507-364-7779.

The National commander's tour is February 17-19.

Times and places are listed in the Legionnaire and this newsletter.

District convention is in Austin May 16, 2020.

Remember and Pray for our deployed troops and families around the world.

For God and country.

Dale Wellik—First District Commander

## NOTICE TO ALL LEGIONAIRES

The district is in the process of amending their By—Laws and guidelines. One item is allowing the commander to succeed him or herself for one extra term only. With that here are the endorsements that we have so far:

Commander - Mark Maloney  
Dale Wellik

Finance Officer - Bill Goede

Chaplain - Larry Otto

Dept. 1st & 3rd Vice Commander - Gary Weaver

### Delegates:

Dale Wellik

Mary Hanson

## From your 1<sup>st</sup> District Legion Chaplain

1<sup>st</sup> District Legion Family,

Another month has flown by—time to think about the month of February that lies before us.

First, I'd like to thank you all for the great response to the Four Chaplains Service at midwinter in Stewartville. An article asking local communities to honor these brave men on February 2<sup>nd</sup> was sent to 17 1<sup>st</sup> District newspapers. It seemed to be well received by the responses from editors and journalists. Also, thanks to the many members who called and asked for more information. Personally, I would reach out to local communities again each year. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Speaking of hearts, don't forget your loved ones on February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentines' Day. Always remember to tell those you love how much they mean to you, and not just once a year, but daily.

In John 13:34 we read, "A new command I give you; love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another." And in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 13 verse 4 (sometimes referred to as "the love chapter"), it reads, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not rude, it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails." And finally, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Until next time, may the peace and grace of our Heavenly Father be with you and yours.

Larry H. Otto, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chaplain



The First District Chaplain, Larry Otto, reading the story of the Immortal Four Chaplains during the Four Chaplains program at the First District Mid Winter in Stewartville Post 164

## To whom it may concern

# THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

The CPL Curtis M Swenson Memorial Fund is excited to announce a project we are working on in conjunction with the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation. The MN Gold Star Families Memorial Monument demonstrates that a community cares for the families and appreciates their sacrifice. Today, there are 59 dedicated monuments and 65 in progress throughout the United States. Our efforts in bringing this to our area would be the first in Minnesota.

Our committee has secured the new Dodge County Courthouse grounds, 721 Main Street North, Mantorville to place this beautiful monument. Two benches have already been promised by the MN Chapter of the POW/MIA Riders and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Lloyd/Swenson Chapter. We are now starting our fundraising efforts to build and maintain the monument.

The CPL Curtis M Swenson Memorial Fund has started this effort with a \$5000 donation in hopes of matching funds. We know this may be a hardship for smaller groups but, be assured, all donations will be greatly appreciated. The 501c3 non-profit # is 46-2047833 for your tax information.

We are aiming to dedicate this meaningful gift on Gold Star Mother's Day on Sunday, September 27, 2020. The timeline is aggressive as we are hoping to have Woody attend the program with us.

Please send your donations to: CPL Curtis M Swenson Memorial Fund

Attention; MN Gold Star Monument Committee

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## NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND EXCELLENCE AWARD INFORMATION

### PLEASE READ

American Legion posts throughout our country go above and beyond the call of duty every year and particularly after natural disasters such as tornados, floods, hurricanes, and snowstorms. Those posts in impacted areas typically step up and extend a helping hand to those in need, even if their post home, and personal homes, may have sustained damage. Posts do this work and put forth this effort, not for the recognition, but because it is the right thing to do.

Posts that have handled logistics, became an emergency action center, provided shelter and extended support to their communities in times of natural disasters are shining examples of The American Legion at its best, and each and every one of them deserve to be recognized for that.

In order to give these posts their proper recognition, the National Emergency Fund Post Excellence Award was established in 2009 and it is once again being offered to those posts that helped their communities impacted by a natural disaster during 2019. At the National Executive Committee meetings last Spring, the name was changed to National Emergency Fund Excellence Award.

Departments may submit to the National Internal Affairs Division posts that should be considered for this recognition of service award by the National Commander. You must submit a written narrative (no more than 500 words), along with documentation which may include newspaper clippings, photos or videos on CD or DVD, to: The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206, ATTN: Internal Affairs. Please have your input to Internal Affairs no later than May 1, 2020. Bottom-line, the posts that go above and beyond need to be recognized.

At the 2020 Spring Meeting of the National Executive Committee, the Internal Affairs Commission will review these submissions and validate the recipients to the National Executive Committee. Award recipients will be mentioned on stage at the National Convention in Louisville.

Questions can be directed to Michele Steinmetz, NEF Coordinator, Membership & Internal Affairs Division at (317) 630-1321 or [msteinmetz@legion.org](mailto:msteinmetz@legion.org), or to Jack Querfeld, Director,

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 & Doer 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Mark A. Maloney III

Area 1 Vice Commander



Membership has been going really well in the 1st District. Area 1 has a slight lead and 2, 3. and 4 have been slugging it out for 2nd place. Keep the new memberships and renewals coming in. Don't hold them. Let's do our best to get to the top spot Area 4.

On January 9th I had the pleasure of attending the grand re-opening of the Armed Forces Service Center at the Minneapolis Airport. This is a beautiful facility run by some very awesome volunteers. It was heart-warming to hear their stories and learn how long they have been involved. It is a great place for our weary soldiers to rest from their travels.

The National Commander's Tour will be in our area on 2/17/2020. This will start at the Adams Post 146 for breakfast at 8:00 a.m., Waseca Post 228 at noon and Albert Lea Post 56 for dinner at 6:00 p.m. More information can be found in this newsletter. We need to fill these posts. It is a great honor to have the national commander in our area and we need to show our appreciation. Two of these posts are in our area. If we don't this opportunity may be taken away.

Our District Mid-Winter on 1/4/2020 in Stewartville was well attended, but we can do better. On 2/22/2020 we have a membership rally at Austin Post 91, at 10:00 am we will be doing membership revitalization for the Austin area. The rally will be starting at 2:00 p.m. This is in your back yard. Please make every effort to attend. This is not just a membership rally. There will be speakers on different topics with information to share. There is always something new to learn.

Please contact me if there is any way I can support your post.

Thank you.

Mary Hanson

Area 4 District Commander

James Westby  
Vice Commander  
Comrades

Here we are again! We are pushing through the days now thanking the Lord for all we have and wondering where it all has gone! Try to remember the greener grass across the fence may be due to a septic tank issue.

Our post continues to work on renewing membership and recruiting new members. Let's not ease off on working to reach or exceed our 100% membership goals. Thanks to Hokah Post 498 for reaching 100%. Some posts are close so let's get in done. Baseball kit order form will be mailed and post data report to be mailed.

The district leadership exists to support our post. Don't hesitate to reach out to us for assistance or advice. You're not in this along Comrades. I finally did it. I bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.

The new law PL-116-67 requires that POW/MIA Flags be displayed below the US flag at all Federal sites and all US Post Offices. Check your post office.

James Westby  
Semper Fi

## 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	<b>Breakfast</b>	8 a.m.	507-582-3266
Waseca Post 228	<b>Lunch</b>	noon	507-833-9935
Albert Lea Post 56	<b>Dinner*</b>	6 p.m.	507-373-7993

### Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020

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

### Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Gaylord Post 433	<b>Breakfast</b>	8 a.m.	507-469-2346
New Prague Post 45	<b>Dinner*</b>	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 1/29/20

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	546	495	18	513	93.96%	33	1/29/2020
90	LEWISTON	71	66	3	69	97.18%	2	1/15/2020
190	ST CHARLES	141	119	1	120	85.11%	21	1/22/2020
<b>WINONA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>758</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>92.61%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
50	WABASHA	213	206	2	208	97.65%	5	1/22/2020
110	LAKE CITY	148	129	1	130	87.84%	18	1/15/2020
179	PLAINVIEW	171	146	1	147	85.96%	24	1/29/2020
546	KELLOGG	64	59	1	60	93.75%	4	12/11/2019
573	ELGIN	28	24	3	27	96.43%	1	1/22/2020
579	MILLVILLE	146	169	10	179	122.60%	-33	12/11/2019
588	MAZEPPA	75	65	2	67	89.33%	8	1/8/2020
<b>WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>845</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>96.80%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
92	ROCHESTER	887	806	7	813	91.66%	74	1/22/2020
119	BYRON	140	110	10	120	85.71%	20	1/22/2020
164	STEWARTVILLE	292	280	2	282	96.58%	10	1/29/2020
446	ROCHESTER	15	9	1	10	66.67%	5	1/8/2020
551	EYOTA	185	172	1	173	93.51%	12	1/29/2020
<b>OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1519</b>	<b>1377</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>92.03%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
<b>AREA ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>3122</b>	<b>2855</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2918</b>	<b>93.47%</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
295	WEST CONCORD	61	48	4	52	85.25%	9	12/11/2019
330	HAYFIELD	202	181	1	182	90.10%	20	1/22/2020
333	KASSON	260	245	1	246	94.62%	14	1/29/2020
384	DODGE CENTER	77	73	1	74	96.10%	3	1/22/2020
422	CLAREMONT	30	26	1	27	90.00%	3	1/8/2020
<b>DODGE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>630</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>92.22%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	104	90	2	92	88.46%	12	1/15/2020
77	OWATONNA	468	386	44	430	91.88%	38	1/22/2020
296	ELLENDALE	35	33	2	35	100.00%	0	1/29/2020
<b>STEELE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>607</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>91.76%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
75	NEW RICHLAND	55	45	2	47	85.45%	8	1/22/2020
228	WASECA	319	284	1	285	89.34%	34	1/22/2020
281	JANESVILLE	93	82	1	83	89.25%	10	1/8/2020
587	WALDORF	26	20	2	22	84.62%	4	1/22/2020
<b>WASECA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>493</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>88.64%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
<b>AREA TWO TOTALS</b>		<b>1730</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1575</b>	<b>91.04%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>

40	LANESBORO	107	107	4	111	103.74%	-4	1/22/2020
68	SPRING VALLEY	77	71	4	75	97.40%	2	1/22/2020
81	HARMONY	31	22	8	30	96.77%	1	1/8/2020
94	RUSHFORD	122	86	3	89	72.95%	33	1/8/2020
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	154	5	159	100.00%	0	1/29/2020
369	WYKOFF	18	12	4	16	88.89%	2	9/13/2019
400	CANTON	14	15	3	18	128.57%	-4	1/8/2020
492	FOUNTAIN	15	10	4	14	93.33%	1	1/8/2020
526	PETERSON	38	31	1	32	84.21%	6	1/8/2020
544	OSTRANDER	23	20	2	22	95.65%	1	1/8/2020
637	WHALEN	14	6	1	7	50.00%	7	11/26/2019
<b>FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>734</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>92.37%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
191	CALEDONIA	157	142	2	144	91.72%	13	1/22/2020
249	SPRING GROVE	160	127	6	133	83.13%	27	1/22/2020
423	HOUSTON	109	93	3	96	88.07%	13	1/8/2020
498	HOKAH	21	19	2	21	100.00%	0	1/22/2020
595	LA CRESCENT	290	231	14	245	84.48%	45	1/8/2020
<b>HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>737</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>86.70%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
<b>AREA THREE TOTALS</b>		<b>1471</b>	<b>1244</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1317</b>	<b>89.53%</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
56	ALBERT LEA	576	510	4	514	89.24%	62	1/29/2020
264	GLENVILLE	79	59	6	65	82.28%	14	1/8/2020
266	HARTLAND	16	12	1	13	81.25%	3	11/26/2019
317	EMMONS	58	51	2	53	91.38%	5	1/8/2020
404	ALDEN	114	94	10	104	91.23%	10	1/15/2020
552	FREEBORN	34	27	2	29	85.29%	5	1/8/2020
<b>FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>877</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>88.71%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
91	AUSTIN	500	461	2	463	92.60%	37	1/29/2020
105	LYLE	87	73	7	80	91.95%	7	1/15/2020
140	GRAND MEADOW	45	40	1	41	91.11%	4	1/22/2020
146	ADAMS	188	149	29	178	94.68%	10	1/8/2020
161	LEROY	51	45	1	46	90.20%	5	1/22/2020
570	AUSTIN SPAM	8	12	1	13	162.50%	-5	1/22/2020
<b>MOWER COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>879</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>93.40%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
<b>AREA FOUR TOTALS</b>		<b>1756</b>	<b>1533</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1599</b>	<b>91.06%</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
1111	DAKOTA	70	0	0	0	0.00%	70	8/1/2018
<b>DISTRICT ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>8149</b>	<b>7145</b>	<b>1731</b>	<b>7409</b>	<b>90.92%</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>

AREA VICE COMMANDERS								
AREA ONE		3122	2855	63	2918	93.47%	204	1/29/2020
AREA TWO		1730	1513	62	1575	91.04%	155	1/29/2020
AREA THREE		1471	1244	73	1317	89.53%	154	1/29/2020
AREA FOUR		1756	1533	66	1599	91.06%	157	1/29/2020

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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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – Mahnomon, 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 14, 2020 - First District Auxiliary Jr Conference— Stewartville Post 164, 8:30 AM registration,  
9:00 AM Exec Boards and session at 10:00 AM

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

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** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**--3<sup>rd</sup> 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**- 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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- 6<sup>th</sup> 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 as soon as possible. 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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### **PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY LUNCHEON INFORMATION**

First District Past President Luncheon will be held on Saturday March 28th at the La Crescent Event Center in the Legion Room. Time : 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. They have a wonderful lunch menu to order from and we will have a short meeting also. The event center is located at:  
595 Veterans Way, La Crescent, MN 55947

Any questions please let me know.

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Past Department President Sandy Fredrickson talking to the First District Mid Winter about the Hospital Association



A view of some of the members attending the First District Mid Winter



More members present at Mid Winter



Commander Wellik lighting the candle of remembrance for one of the Four Chaplains during the Four Chaplains Program



President Prescher lighting one of the remembrance candles during the Four Chaplains Program at Mid Winter.



The participants along with Chaplain Otto doing the Four Chaplains Program at the First District Mid Winter.



Commander Wellik at the podium during the First District Mid Winter



Department 1st & 3rd Vice Commander Pat Logan and Commander Wellik at the podium.



Department Membership Director Sy Fix addressing the members .



Dave & Kay Swenson addressing the Mid Winter about the new MN Gold Star Families Memorial Monument



Oratorical Chairman Sy Fix with the First District Oratorical contest winner Alexis Heins. She is sponsored by Eyota Post 551.



The table of remembrance for the "Immortal Four Chaplains" Program which was held during the First District Mid Winter

# FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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#### February Newsletter

February is Americanism month! Show your Americanism by flying the Flag!

The winning Americanism essays from your Units should be to Joanne Joachim, Department Americanism Chair, no later than March, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully everyone is working on Girls State, getting into the schools and talking about the great program! 1<sup>st</sup> District is well represented, that's because of the interest that our units have for the program!

There is a Leadership Program being held in our District on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in Kellogg. Cheryl Nymann District Leadership Chair, as well as Mary Kuperus Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice and Leadership Chair, will be doing the program.

I encourage our Unit Officers and those wanting to learn more and/or take on more responsibility to please attend. Between Mary and Cheryl, it will be a great seminar!

We will all benefit from it. We all have to continue to learn, as the world is changing, so is the Auxiliary!

RSVP by 2/22 to Cheryl Nymann at [cheryljnymann@gmail.com](mailto:cheryljnymann@gmail.com) Look forward to seeing many of you!

District Junior Conference will be held Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> in Stewartville...we really need better turnout from our Units that have Juniors. These young ladies are the future and we need to do a better job on mentoring and getting them to district events.

All Units have received the Forms for Unit Chair Reports, please see your Unit President if you haven't yet received, they are due to Department no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank everyone that came to the Mid-Winter Conference on January! It was a great turnout!

We have received nice comments on the program from our members and from Department, which is greatly appreciated.

"15 Things Veterans Want You to Know", a film was shown as well as the Four Chaplains history and Ceremony.

Programs that the Legionnaires and Auxiliary can share and learn from another.

Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Patti Coleman spent the day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice -Mary Kuperus spent part of the morning,

Department President -Mary Hendrickson and Past- President Shirley Fredrickson, and Sharon Theimeke-Membership Chair, visited our District meeting for a while. The district should be honored to have had our Department Officers attend Mid-Winter. As Stewartville Unit President and District President, I am very honored that they chose to visit.

Rochester Unit 92-had an Initiation Ceremony for new members, I was to help with.

I was totally unaware of this ceremony. I was impressed with the ritual and it had to have been the same for those new members. For those that have been in the Auxiliary many years are more than likely aware of this, but for the newer members this is new. I learned something new! Never too late!

Thank you to Unit 92!

Last report on Membership, District was in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Better than it has been, but not good enough.

Call those members who haven't renewed. Sending notices will not work at this point in time. We can not afford to not get our renewals in. Let's keep turning in. I know it is not easy, and appreciated all the hard work our Membership Chairs are doing!

Remember, Honor, Serve.....our Veterans and their families!

Wanda Prescher  
District President



## CALL TO FIRST DISTRICT JUNIOR CONFERENCE

The annual Junior Conference of the First District American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Stewartville American Legion Post 164, 1100 2nd Ave NW, Stewartville, MN 55976 for the purpose of:

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

Registration will start at 8:30 AM. The registration fee is \$5.00 per junior or senior member, maximum of \$10.00 per family. Lunch will be served at the cost of \$5.00 per lunch. There will be an Executive Board meeting for Junior Officers with Senior Officers at 9:00 AM. Honorary Junior President, Kassy Bettermann will call the conference to order at 10:00 AM.

To compete for District Junior trophies or awards, a copy of the Unit Junior Activities Annual Report and a written narrative of their activities must be in the hands of the District Junior Activities Chairwoman, Tonia Bettermann by the time of the 1st District Junior Conference. You may bring them with you that day.

2020 Department Poppy Contest entries may be brought the day of the Conference.

### **Poppy Corsage/Boutonniere Contest**

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy corsage or boutonniere using Honorary Department Junior President [Emily's theme: "Juniors Catching Veterans Hearts"](#). Entries are to be placed in a Ziploc bag with a corsage pin.

### **Poppy Centerpiece Contest**

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy centerpiece using Honorary Department Junior President Emily's theme: "Juniors Catching Veterans Hearts"

### **Poppy Accessories Contest**

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy jewelry or accessory using Honorary Department Junior President Emily's theme: "Juniors Catching Veterans Hearts".

### **Poppy Memorial Day Wreath**

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy Memorial Day Wreath with the Poppy as the focus of the wreath

### **Poppy Junior Membership Recruitment Board**

To the Junior member in each class with the Poppy Junior Membership Recruitment Board using Honorary Department Junior President Emily's theme: "Juniors Catching Veterans Hearts".

### **Poster Board**

To the Junior who designs the most creative Poster Board using Honorary Department Junior President Emily's theme: "Juniors Catching Veterans Hearts". Include your Unit name, pictures, artwork or anything that you have done throughout the year.

All poppies must have the white tags removed.

There will also be one Poster Board as a Unit entry. This is replacing the Scrapbook contest.

A prize of \$5.00 for first place and \$3.00 for second place will be awarded in each category, including talent. Refer to the First District Junior Standing Rules and the Department Junior Trophy and Awards.

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

District colors will be posted. If your unit would like to bring their individual colors, they will be posted.

I would like to extend a special invitation to all Junior Members, even if they don't belong to an organized Unit. Come for a day of fun and learning! Juniors are the future of the American Legion Auxiliary!

Tonia Bettermann  
First District Junior Activities Chair

**1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership  
As of January 22, 2020**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Previ- ous</b>	<b>Turn In</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Left</b>
9	Winona	137	95		95	69.34%	42
90	Lewiston	37	25		25	67.57%	12
190	St Charles	53	32		32	60.38%	21
50	Wabasha	113	103		103	91.15%	10
110	Lake City	72	57		57	79.17%	15
179	Plainview	139	99		99	71.22%	40
546	Kellogg	124	92		92	74.19%	32
573	Elgin	18	12		12	66.67%	6
579	Millville	53	45		45	84.91%	8
588	Mazeppa	37	36		36	97.30%	1
92	Rochester	135	121		121	89.63%	14
119	Byron	75	40		40	53.33%	35
164	Stewartville	173	164		164	94.80%	9
551	Eyota	100	87		87	87.00%	13
<b>Pod One Total</b>		<b>1266</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>79.62%</b>	<b>258</b>
295	West Concord	34	31		31	91.18%	3
330	Hayfield	182	139		139	76.37%	43
333	Kasson	133	126		126	94.74%	7
384	Dodge Center	75	49		49	65.33%	26
422	Claremont	21	19		19	90.48%	2
52	Blooming Prairie	104	85		85	81.73%	19
77	Owatonna	113	100		100	88.50%	13
75	New Richland	49	43		43	87.76%	6
228	Waseca	243	209		209	86.01%	34
587	Waldorf	19	20		20	105.26%	-1
<b>Pod Two Totals</b>		<b>973</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>84.38%</b>	<b>152</b>

19	40	Lanesboro	103	93		93	90.29%	10
	68	Spring Valley	42	38		38	90.48%	4
	81	Harmony	53	40		40	75.47%	13
	94	Rushford	55	39		39	70.91%	16
	197	Chatfield	32	29		29	90.63%	3
	299	Mabel	123	99		99	80.49%	24
	369	Wykoff	17	16		16	94.12%	1
	526	Peterson	43	45		45	104.65%	-2
	544	Ostrander	15	13		13	86.67%	2
	637	Whalan	22	20		20	90.91%	2
	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	133		133	73.48%	48
<b>Pod Three Totals</b>			<b>1039</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>83.35%</b>	<b>173</b>
	56	Albert Lea	289	256		256	88.58%	33
	264	Glenville	87	87		87	100.00%	0
	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	44		44	78.57%	12
	140	Grand Meadow	63	59		59	93.65%	4
	146	Adams	132	118		118	89.39%	14
	161	Leroy	46	36		36	78.26%	10
<b>Pod Four Totals</b>			<b>899</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>90.10%</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>4177</b>	<b>3505</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3505</b>	<b>83.91%</b>	<b>672</b>

Green Highlight = Greater than 100%

\*Note:

### FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

#### Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem

First District is in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the department of MN. We are moving up but slowly. Everyone please work with others and make the membership happen. Working together as a team is important and will help increase membership as a family. Help grow the American Legion and let people know what we are. We are here to support our veterans.

Tonia Bettermann - Membership

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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 12<sup>th</sup> 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



Department Auxiliary President Mary Hendrickson addressing the First District Auxiliary at Stewartville Post 164 during the First District Mid Winter

# 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



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### Greeting SAL Members



### FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Vice Commanders, we are getting close to our goal. Please contact your squadrons and get us another 177 memberships. That would only leave us with 200 more to make goal and with 4 months left in the membership year that leaves us with about 50 memberships per month. As of right now we need 20 memberships to put the district in 1st place in Detachment.

Glenn Mueller— First District SAL membership Director

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## SAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 1/29/2020

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	113	12	125	93.98%	8	1/15/2020
94	RUSHFORD	48	10	5	15	31.25%	33	1/29/2020
119	BYRON	38	26	11	37	97.37%	1	1/15/2020
164	STEWARTVILLE	111	76	13	89	80.18%	22	1/15/2020
166	PRESTON	44	40	1	41	93.18%	3	1/29/2020
179	PLAINVIEW	18	0	7	7	38.89%	11	1/21/2020
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	8	9	17	70.83%	7	1/15/2020
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	15	15	46.88%	17	1/15/2020
595	LA CRESCENT	71	36	24	60	84.51%	11	1/15/2020
<b>TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE</b>		<b>817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>81.76%</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	42	0	0	0	0.00%	42	8/19/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	141	99	13	112	79.43%	29	1/15/2020
75	NEW RICHLAND	5	0	0	0	0.00%	5	8/19/2019
77	OWATONNA	142	106	4	110	77.46%	32	1/29/2020
91	AUSTIN	72	41	8	49	68.06%	23	1/29/2020
105	LYLE	35	0	1	1	2.86%	34	11/12/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
146	ADAMS	136	73	0	73	53.68%	63	1/15/2020
161	LEROY	51	37	3	40	78.43%	11	12/16/2019
228	WASECA	132	67	15	82	62.12%	50	1/15/2020
264	GLENVILLE	41	37	6	43	104.88%	-2	1/29/2020
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	28	3	31	86.11%	5	1/15/2020
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	48	8	56	88.89%	7	1/29/2020
552	FREEBORN	32	16	7	23	71.88%	9	12/16/2019
<b>TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE</b>		<b>1030</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>67.18%</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>
1111	DAKOTA	151	49	3	52	34.44%	99	1/29/2020
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>		<b>1789</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1412</b>	<b>78.93%</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1/29/2020</b>

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



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First District American Legion Riders,

### VICE DIRECTOR

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We will meet on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 1PM at the Rushford American Legion Post. Please bring your current (2020 Legion, Auxiliary or SAL) membership card for the meeting.

ALR Rider of the Year nominations will be turned in at this meeting.

### SECRETARY

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Please nominate someone from your chapter. Remember to include things they do that are related to the Riders as well as their membership in the Legion Family. Any other community related activities that they may do.

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We will also be taking nominations for the First District ALR group. Please consider stepping up to take an office as we need your help.

First District ALR Secretary

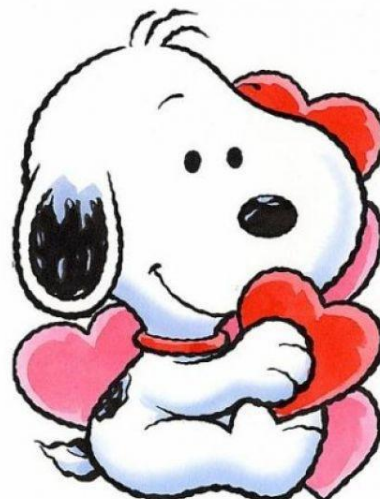
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# TACO NIGHTS



**\$3 or 2 for \$5**  
Hard & soft shells

**Margaritas**  
only **\$3.50**



**Meat Raffles too!**

A-00135

**Thursdays ~ Serving 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Waseca American Legion**  
700 South State St ~ 507-833-9935



# STEAK FRY



**Choose steak, shrimp or both!**  
Served with a baked potato, dinner salad and Texas garlic toast.

**12 oz. ribeye \$15**

**6 shrimp \$10**

**8 oz. ribeye & 3 shrimp \$15**

Proceeds go toward required kitchen upgrades and other building repairs.

**2nd Friday Monthly, 5-7 p.m.**

**Waseca American Legion**  
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## CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS

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

Drop off locations are at:

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

Rushford American Legion  
Austin American Legion  
Nesler Auto Repair/Houston

Please see the list of items that are needed.

### 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

## LACRESCENT SAL OMELET

## BREAKFAST



**8:00 AM until 12:00 PM**

**AT THE LACRESCENT EVENT CENTER**



**ADAMS AMERICAN LEGION POST 146  
CHICKEN, PORK, FISH & STEAK FRY SCHEDULE  
Serving time: 5:30 - &:30 PM  
(507) 582 – 3266**

**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

**Stewartville 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Benefit Breakfast**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 9am-noon**

**Egg Bake, Hash Browns, Muffins  
Juice and Coffee  
\$7.00**

**Sponsored by the Stewartville American Legion Family**

**All Proceeds go to the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders visiting  
Washington, DC- History Trip-June**

**Saturday, February 15, 2020  
Stewartville American Legion**

**Steak and Shrimp-\$15.00  
8oz. Steak-\$12.00  
5 Jumbo Shrimp-\$12.00  
Comes with Au Gratin Potatoes  
All you care to eat Salad Bar  
and roll.**



# JOIN US AT **KASSON AMERICAN LEGION POST 333**

212 W. Main Street, Kasson MN 507-634-4353



*Valentine's Day Dinner*

**February 14, 2020 ♥ 5-7 pm ♥ \$20**

Salad ♥ Bacon Wrapped Sirloin ♥ Twice Baked Potato  
Green Bean Almondine ♥ Bun ♥ Dessert  
One glass of wine, beer or soda included

Dinner will be served downstairs. Advance tickets are required as limited seating is available. 18 and over. Tickets are available at the Kasson Legion, from an Auxiliary member or call 507-634-4353.



## **BURGER NIGHT**

**Have a burger and help support local organizations.**  
Burgers served various Fridays throughout the month beginning at 5:30 pm. Check our facebook page or call for dates/times.

## **MON & TUES LUNCHES**

Come grab a home-cooked meal on Monday and Tuesday from 11AM to 1:30PM.

**Special of the Day**  
includes: soup or salad, dessert, and beverage  
\$9.00

**Hamburger or Cheeseburger**  
includes: soup or salad, dessert, and beverage  
\$9.00

**Soup and Salad**  
includes: dessert and beverage  
\$6.00

**Large Bowl of Soup**  
includes: dessert and beverage  
\$5.00



## **STEAK FRY**

First Saturday of the month  
October - May

5 to 7 pm

Steak or Shrimp \$12  
or Combo \$14

## **BAR SPECIALS**

**Happy Hour**  
3-6 pm  
Mon-Fri

If the last number of your American Legion Member Card matches the number of the day you can buy one-get one free on any drink! (one per day)



## **TACO NIGHT**

2 tacos \$5  
taco salad \$5  
\$3 each

**TUESDAY**  
5:00-7:30 PM

The Kasson American Legion is now serving soft shell, hard shell, walking tacos and taco salads on Tuesday nights.

Stop in for a quick bite, or call ahead for take-out!  
507-634-4353.

Regular Hours: M-Th 3 pm - 11 • F-Sa 12 pm -12 am • Sunday open at 11 am during NFL games



# 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.

*Excerpts from the Dept. of Justice, FAQ about Service Animals and the ADA.* The ADA required state and local government agencies, businesses, and non-profit organizations (*covered entities*) that provide goods or services to the public to make "reasonable modifications" in their policies, practices, or procedures when necessary to accommodate people with disabilities. The service animal rules fall under this general principle. The ADA does not require covered entities to modify policies, practices, or procedures if it would "fundamentally alter" the nature of the goods, services, programs, or activities provided to the public. Nor does it overrule legitimate safety requirements. If admitting service animals would fundamentally alter the nature of a service or program, service animals may be prohibited. In addition, if a particular service animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it, or if it is not housebroken, that animal may be excluded.

## Thank You!

For donating to the Armed Forces Service Center.

This tax receipt acknowledges your tax deductible donation of cash or check to the Armed Forces Service Center, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for the donations. Our Federal Tax ID is 41-0966145.

Date:

Received by (Volunteers' initials)

Donor's value of cash donation.

Your donation supports the Armed Forces Service Center.

**CONTACT**—4300 Glumack Drive LT  
3693 MSP Int'l. Airport | St. Paul,  
MN 55111 Tel: 612.726.9156 |  
mnafsc.org

The Armed Forces Service Center (AFSC) was founded on November 22, 1970, by Maggie Purdum, after her son died in Vietnam. To date, the Center has provided free food, shelter and services for over 1 million current members of the military.

**UNIQUE TO MINNESOTA** – The AFSC is a one-of-a-kind nonprofit facility. It is supported by contributions (financial and in-kind product donation) from various veterans' organizations, corporate and personal contributors. The AFSC has no affiliation with nor receives funds from our respected counterparts at the USO.

**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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