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IMPORTANT IFORMATION

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 incase you run across someone who is not a member. Remember, **“all you have to do is ask.”**

IMPORTANT DATES

February 5, 2022 – Department Sweetheart Rally Pine Island Post 184, 108 1st Ave SE, Pine Island, MN 12:00 social 1:00 PM lunch and 3:00 program,
Remember the Imortal Four Chaplains on Sunday February 6, 2022. The story can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

February 14, 2022 Valentine’s day. Remember your sweetheart .

Thursday February 17, 2022– First District Rally at Lewiston Post 90, 100 East Main Street, Lewis-

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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Greetings 1st District Legion Family,

An old Cherokee Indian chief was teaching his grandson about life.

He said, "A fight is going on inside me," he told the young boy, "a fight between two wolves.

The Dark one is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The Light Wolf is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you grandson...and inside of every other person on the face of this earth."

The grandson ponders this for a moment and then asked, "Grandfather, which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee Chief smiled and simply said, "The one you feed". The Chief went on to say, "If you feed them right, they both win. You see, if I only choose to feed the Light wolf, the Dark wolf will be hiding around every corner waiting for me to become distracted or weak and jump to get the attention he craves. He will always be angry and will always fight the Light wolf. But if I acknowledge him, he is happy and the light wolf is happy and we all win. For the dark wolf has many qualities — tenacity, courage, fearlessness, strong-willed and great strategic thinking—that I have need of at times. These are the very things the light wolf lacks. But the light wolf has compassion, caring, strength and the ability to recognize what is in the best interest of all. You see, my grandson, the light wolf needs the dark wolf at his side. To feed only one would starve the other and they will become uncontrollable. To feed and care for both means they will serve you well and do nothing that is not a part of something greater, something good, something of life. Feed them both and there will be no more internal struggle for your attention. And when there is no battle inside, you can listen to the voices of deeper knowing that will guide you in choosing what is right in every circumstance. How you choose to interact with the opposing forces within you will determine your life. Starve one or the other or guide them both."

Take a look at you and your Post and ask: **Will I feed the Light Wolf...or...will I feed the Dark Wolf...or...WILL I GUIDE THEM BOTH?**

To the American Legion Family,

January is just about history and I'm still writing "2021" on my checks. I blame it on my memory. I've got a good memory, it's just too short!

February has a few things for us to think about. First of all, *Sunday February 6* is set aside by the American Legion to commemorate the four Army Chaplains who willingly gave their lives at the sinking of the *Dorchester*. Their actions spoke of heroic sacrifice and humanitarianism; for that action, we are eternally grateful. If you'd like to learn more about these four men and the *Dorchester's* fate, online resources can provide a multitude of information. It's worth the time and effort. *February 5th* is Sweet-heart Rally at Pine Island Post 184. Let's make it an outstanding turnout! *February 26th* is the State Oratorical Contest at Anoka Post 102.

As the weather starts to warm it seems we start to get busier, but in all our business, let's remember to take time to give thanks for all that our Heavenly Father has done for us this past year. Just take a few minutes to think about all that God has done for you and yours. At first it may not seem like much, but as you think about it, there quite a few things that we should be grateful for: family, friends, safety, shelter of our homes, health, and the list can go on and on. Some are big things and some not so big, but all are worthy of giving thanks to our Creator. Sometimes it is hard to be thankful for what has happened in our lives, but in 1st Thessalonians Paul tells us in chapter 5 verse 18, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for it is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We, as Christians, are different from other people because of what we believe God has done for all people; therefore, we should be in continual thankfulness whatever the circumstances. I know it's hard to be thankful when a loved one is sick or has passed on, or something major has happened in your life. I remember our Bible Study teacher telling me after her husband passed away while mowing lawn; she was in the house and never heard the ambulance come or go. I asked her how she could give thanks for that and she replied, "I didn't have to see him lying there on the ground dead. That would have been a memory I'd have carried with me the rest of my life and for that I give thanks." She was truly a remarkable lady and I miss her. That verse from 1st Thessalonians was one she lived by. There is always some good in whatever happens in our lives; we just need to look for it and maybe even wait for it.

As we go into this month and the next, let us take time to give thanks. In the next couple of months, we should see a warm up and return to more normal activities, more time out doors and less time couped up inside.

Until next month, stay warm and healthy. Do a buddy check and give a hand to someone in need. Pray for our service personnel both here and abroad and especially for our nation.

God's Blessings to You and Yours,
Larry H. Otto
1st District Chaplain

THE STORY OF THE IMMORTAL FOUR CHAPLAINS



WASHINGTON) -- It was Feb. 3, 1943, and the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was one of three ships in a convoy, moving across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland. A converted luxury liner, the Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

It was only 150 miles from its destination when shortly after midnight, an officer aboard the German submarine U2 spotted it. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire. The hit was decisive, striking the ship, far below the water line. The initial blast killed scores of men and seriously wounded many more.

Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Panic and chaos quickly set in! Men were screaming, others crying or frantically trying to get lifeboats off the ship. Through the pandemonium, four men spread out among the Soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded and guiding the disoriented toward safety. They were four Army chaplains,

Lt. George Fox, a Methodist;

Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish Rabbi;

Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest;

and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains worked to bring calm to the men. As soldiers began to find their way to the deck of the ship, many were still in their underwear, where they were confronted by the cold winds blowing down from the arctic.

Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, reeling from the cold, headed back towards his cabin. "Where are you going?" a voice of calm in the sea of distressed asked. "To get my gloves," Mahoney replied. "Here, take these," said Rabbi Goode as he handed a pair of gloves to the young officer.

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I can't take those gloves," Mahoney replied. "Never mind," the Rabbi responded. "I have two pairs." It was only long after that Mahoney realized that the chaplain never intended to leave the ship.

Once topside, the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more life jackets in the storage room, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later say, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."



As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains -- arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers and singing hymns.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, only 230 survived. Before boarding the Dorchester back in January, Chaplain Poling had asked his father to pray for him, "Not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty...never be a coward...and have the strength, courage and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate."

All though the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were later awarded posthumously, Congress wished to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements which required heroism performed under fire. So a posthumous **Special Medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplains' Medal**, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President on January 18, 1961.

It was never given before and will never be given again.

Greetings Area 4 Comrades

I hope everyone is staying warm, healthy and safe. Here at my house cold have taken over again. Therefore we are hunkered down at home away from family and friends.

I attended the Adams Membership dinner and meeting on Tuesday January 11, 2022. As of that date they were at 100% of goal. It was a great event and was fun to meet with everyone present. A lot of ideas were exchanged. Along with learning the past history of their post. As of reported in the latest 1st District Membership report 1=20=2022, Adams post is now at 101.9% of Goal. Outstanding.

Membership/revitalization will be in Ellendale on March 26th in the morning before the afternoon rally. Commander Parry will be furnishing the lunch. Everyone is welcome to come and help. This is a great opportunity to bring in new members in to your post. The district's next goal is 85% for 2/9/2022.

Minnesotalegionssoftball.com This is one of the sites to gather information on how to start up you girls fast pitch softball team. Registration is now open! We are asking teams that are interested in playing in the inaugural season to complete the questions under Team Sign Up on the registration tab by April 15th. Full commitment along with roster, waivers and fee will be required between April 15th and Memorial Day. Purpose and mission statements are on this site along with FAQ's. The MN American Legion Girls Fastpitch softball representative from the First District is; Larry Otto
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Mid—Winter Rally was held at Waseca Post 228 last month. We had a lot of good information come out with great discussions on up coming events. We talked about the MN American Legion Girls Fastpitch Softball, Membership revitalizations & up coming First District events.

Area 4 has two new commanders, Freeborn Post 552 and Alden Post 404.I wish you both success in your new positions and want to thank you both for stepping up.

Up coming events; Thursday February 17, 2022—First District Rally at Lewiston Post 90, 100 east Main St, Lewiston, MN at 6:00 PM. The District will have their first planning meeting with the Albert Lea Post 56 leaders for planning the First District Legion, Auxiliary , SAL and ALR conventions in May. A few more meetings are planned as deemed necessary.

Until next month everyone be safe and take care.

Area Four Vice Commander
Wes Halverson

DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT DATES.

February 5, 2022 – Department Sweetheart Rally Pine Island Post 184, 108 1st Ave SE, Pine Island, MN 12:00 social 1:00 PM lunch and 3:00 program.

Thursday February 17, 2022– First District Rally at Lewiston Post 90, 100 East Main Street, Lewiston, MN - 6 PM

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.

CHANGES COMING FOR THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

1. This year you will need a current American Legion Membership card on your person to be shown at the door.
2. The election of officers will be by written ballot.
 - A) Each post present will be able to vote it's voting strength which is set in our By-Laws And Constitution. The voting strength is based on your post membership thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.
 - B) One person from each post present will pick up the ballots for his/her post and have to sign for them. After they are filled out he/she will turn them back to the tellers.

FROM AREA THREE

Thank you for your service and support and dedication to the American Legion and our country.

Thank you to all of you that took the time to attend the District Mid Winter Rally in Waseca on January 8, 2022.

We also had the District Oratorical on that day also. The young lady that was the winner is home schooled and very good. Was only wishing that everyone in the district could have heard her. She will now move onto the Department contest in late February.

Our next Department rally is the Sweetheart Rally in Pine Island on Saturday February 5, 2022. I hope you are registered by now.

Our next goal for membership is 85% by 2-9-2022. Our ultimate goal is EVERYONE at 100% by the time the National Commander's tour comes to MINNESOTA , APRIL 11th to 14th. More details on that coming later.

Post revitalizations do work, call for help and our District and Department officers are willing to help and we are only a phone call away.

Pray for our deployed troops and their families. Pray for peace in the world. Some situations are very volatile Let's help keep them under control.

Dale Wellik
Area Three Vice Commander

ENDORSEMENTS RECEIVED SO FAR

Mary Hanson for Commander
Mark Maloney for Commander
Bill Goede for Finance Officer

DELEGATE REQUESTS

Mary Hanson
Dale Wellik
Gary Miller
Bill Goede

A NOTE FROM YOUR RESOLUTION CHAIRMAN

Remember that any resolution that you want to come before the District Convention on May 21, 2022 needs to be in the hands of the Resolution Chairman thirty (30) days prior to the convention.

Does not hurt to have them in a little early as they might need some re-wording and that takes time to go back through the proper channels.

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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. Thanks
The Olmsted Committee

Commander
Mark A Maloney III



New officers for Post 110 (Left to right) Sandra Bendickson—Chaplain, Mel Blatner—SGT at Arms, Debra Schmidt, Steve Brant - Adjutant, David Spain—2nd Vice Commander, Bill Otto—1st Vice Commander and Robert Schmidt—Commander



I was very happy to present National Commander Dillard’s “No Veteran Left Behind” pin to Commander Schmidt, Past Commander Elaine Meincke and Post Membership Chairman Dick Grobe.

Thanks Mike Parry First District Commander



A Copy of the letter that comes with the pin.

The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2022 Membership Report for January 26, 2022

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	5	30	0	401	436	2	438	505	86.73%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	5	9	0	44	58	0	58	73	79.45%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	2	19	0	104	125	1	126	135	93.33%	0	0
1		Winona County	12	58	0	549	619	3	622	713	87.24%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	3	47	0	129	179	1	180	219	82.19%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	18	20	0	147	185	1	186	145	128.28%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	0	29	0	107	136	0	136	148	91.89%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	8	0	51	59	0	59	61	96.72%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	2	0	22	24	0	24	28	85.71%	0	0
1	579	Millville	1	20	0	84	105	0	105	151	69.54%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	0	9	0	50	59	0	59	69	85.51%	0	0
1		Wabsha County	22	135	0	590	747	2	749	821	91.23%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	4	94	0	581	679	2	681	808	84.28%	0	0
1	119	Byron	2	18	0	53	73	0	73	130	56.15%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	6	26	0	238	270	2	272	283	96.11%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	2	0	8	10	0	10	16	62.50%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	6	21	0	127	154	0	154	180	85.56%	0	0
1		Olmsted County	18	161	0	1007	1186	4	1190	1417	83.98%	0	0
1		Area One	52	354	0	2146	2552	9	2561	2951	86.78%	0	0
1	295	West Concord	2	8	0	29	39	0	39	49	79.59%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	1	19	0	137	157	0	157	178	88.20%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	7	32	0	183	222	0	222	262	84.73%	0	0
1	384	Dodge Center	2	7	0	63	72	0	72	81	88.89%	0	0
1	422	Claremont	0	3	0	26	29	0	29	31	93.55%	0	0
1		Dodge County	12	69	0	438	519	0	519	601	86.36%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	1	15	0	60	76	0	76	91	83.52%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	7	54	0	289	350	1	351	429	81.82%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	4	0	28	32	0	32	36	88.89%	0	0
1		Steel County	8	73	0	377	458	1	459	556	82.55%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	1	8	0	33	42	0	42	50	84.00%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	4	22	0	223	249	0	249	288	86.46%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	3	7	0	73	83	0	83	88	94.32%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	1	0	0	20	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1		Waseca County	9	37	0	349	395	0	395	449	87.97%	0	0
		Area Two	29	179	0	1164	1372	1	1373	1606	85.49%	0	0

1	1140	Lanesboro	1	14	0	86	101	0	101	109	92.66%	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	2	10	0	74	86	0	86	105	81.90%	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	96	129	0	129	160	80.63%	0	0
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	16	16	0	16	18	88.89%	0	0
1	400	Canton	1	0	0	18	19	0	19	21	90.48%	0	0
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	11	11	0	11	14	78.57%	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		Fillmore County	10	89	0	493	592	0	592	698	84.81%	0	0
1	191	Caledonia	0	17	0	105	122	0	122	139	87.77%	0	0
1	249	Spring Grove	3	12	0	108	123	0	123	149	82.55%	0	0
1	423	Houston	3	7	0	83	93	0	93	102	91.18%	0	0
1	498	Hokah	0	1	0	20	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1	595	LaCrescent	0	45	0	179	224	0	224	259	86.49%	0	0
1		Houston County	6	82	0	495	583	0	583	672	86.76%	0	0
1		Area Three	16	171	0	988	1175	0	1175	1370	85.77%	0	0
1	56	Albert Lea	5	36	0	394	435	2	437	522	83.72%	0	0
1	264	Glenville	1	8	0	54	63	0	63	70	90.00%	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		Freeborn County	9	57	0	579	645	2	647	784	82.53%	0	0
1	91	Austin	14	52	0	344	410	4	414	474	87.34%	0	0
1	105	Lyle	2	8	0	69	79	0	79	84	94.05%	0	0
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	2	0	32	34	0	34	42	80.95%	0	0
1	146	Adams	5	20	0	131	156	0	156	151	103.31%	0	0
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	0	38	42	0	42	56	75.00%	0	0
1	570	Austin Spam	1	0	0	12	13	0	13	16	81.25%	0	0
1		Mower County	22	86	0	626	734	4	738	823	89.67%	0	0
1		Area Four	31	143	0	1205	1379	6	1385	1607	86.19%	0	0
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1		District Totals	128	847	0	5503	6478	16	6494	7534	86.20%	0	0

DISTRICT VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS

Vice Commanders												
	Area One	52	354	0	2146	2552	9	2561	2951	86.78%	0	0
	Area Two	29	179	0	1164	1372	1	1373	1606	85.49%	0	0
	Area Three	16	171	0	976	1163	0	1163	1370	84.89%	0	0
	Area Four	31	143	0	1205	1379	6	1385	1607	86.19%	0	0

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

Department Standings												
Dist	Rank											
1	5th	Mike Parry	128	847	0	5503	6478	16	6494	7534	86.20%	
2	4th	Steve Fosness	82	634	0	4357	5073	21	5094	5826	87.44%	
3	9th	Bob Hart	186	1573	0	7308	9,067	55	9,122	10,742	84.92%	
4	6th	Dave Dahl	33	275	0	1326	1634	12	1646	1,921	85.68%	
5	10th	Wade Larson	21	299	0	1155	1475	5	1480	1881	78.68%	
6	2nd	Jim Lucas	204	1098	0	7478	8780	96	8,876	10,135	87.58%	
7	1st	Chip Manson	67	682	0	4050	4799	39	4838	5,509	87.82%	
8	3rd	Larry Pocrnich	60	313	0	2550	2923	36	2959	3380	87.54%	
9	7th	Terry Buaas	87	540	0	4301	4928	32	4960	5802	85.49%	
10	8th	Daryl Harmon	154	930	0	5999	7083	45	7128	8376	85.10%	
99			7	219	0	1622	1848	0	1848	3469	53.27%	
Totals			1029	7410	0	45,649	54,088	357	54,445	64,575	84.31%	

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hello Legionnaires;

Our next target date is 2-9-2022 at 85%. There are 33 posts that have made that goal. The District is at 86.20%. Area 1 and 2 are at that goal with 3 and 4 not far behind.

I had hoped to see more posts hit 100% . We still only have two, Adams and Lake City.

Now is the time for each post to step up and bring more renewals and new members. If you want to do a revitalization, let me know. We can get the printouts for 1982 and 1982AD. Use your post roster to start contracting delinquent members. We can set up a date and time and come help. We are here to help but can't do all the work for your post.

There will be a revitalization on March 26, 2022 before the rally in Ellendale. Watch the newsletter for time and come help. Mike Parry will be supplying lunch. Everyone is welcome to come and help. It is not a hard job.

Don't be afraid to come to me with membership issues or my legion issues. I am available to make post visits in the evenings during the week or on the weekends. There is no reason a post should not have the information they need to grow. We are in this together.



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

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 7th place in the department as of January 26. There is a lot of work to be done to get these numbers up. I want to say congratulations to the units that have reached 90-100%. These units at 100%; Eyota, Wykoff and Grand Meadow. There are a few units above 90%; Claremont, Spring Valley and Houston. There are many units still struggling to get membership. Please let me know if you need anything to help with getting your membership up.

The Mid-Winter for the 1st District had a very low attendance. I would like to know what we could do to help this. I want to say thank you for everyone that did attend. We had a successful Mid-Winter.

I also wanted to bring up that we need people to come forward to be officers or chairmen for the 1st District. We are really struggling to get people to carry these positions. With more people and ideas, I really feel this District could be a success. Please if you are interested in doing anything to help, please contact one of the officers or myself.

Also, the President's project this year is to raise money for the new Preston Veteran's Home. I am working on putting together enough money to get them a plaque of all the military branches and if enough is raised, we will also get a flagpole. I would greatly appreciate a donation to help these veterans in their new home.

Please continue to work with the veterans in your community. All you do is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Tonia Bettermann
1st District Auxiliary President

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

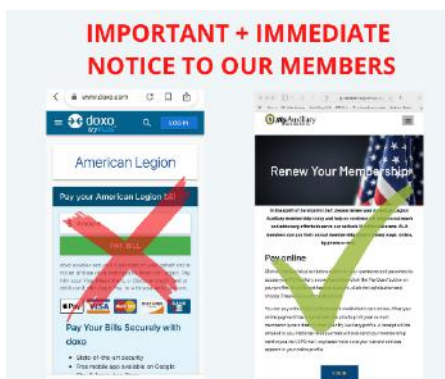
As January comes to an end, I'd like to thank all Units for your hard work in getting their membership into Department. The Northwestern Division continues to be in number 1 position at 81%, with our own State of Minnesota being at 82%. However, all other Divisions are getting very close.

As of this writing, District 1 has again dropped to 8th place, though we have 3 Units at 100%. Congratulations to Units 369 Wykoff, 140 Grand Meadow, and 551 Eyota, who with all their dedicated members made this happen very early. 26 Units are at 80% or above with 9 Units close behind. This leaves only 10 Units at 50% or below. To those 10 Units, how can we help you? Please feel free to contact myself or our District President Tonia Betterman for questions or ways we can help you make your goals.

I, myself, would like to give Rushford Unit 94 a thank you for stepping up during a difficult situation and getting your membership off the goose egg!! Sometimes current situations make things difficult, but it took a few dedicated members to step up and turn things around. Great job!!

I have learned a lot about this position this past month. Thank you all who have answered MY questions and for showing me where to go to look for help. I couldn't do this without your help.

This information was shared on the American Legion Nation Auxiliary site, and I thought it was very important to share here as well. This is a reminder to always use the national ALA's official payment processing through the MyAuxiliary member portal at www.ALAforVeterans.org to pay your dues and update contact information. Please contact membership@ALAforVeterans.org if you have any questions.



Together we will continue to work on our membership and Together we will succeed!!!

RENEW - RECRUIT - REJOIN

Together, We Can Do It!

1/27/2021

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year	Difference from Last Year
One	48	3,802	33	3,022	79.48%	3286	264
Two	72	3,745	31	3,153	84.19%	3241	88
Three	46	3,671	43	3,150	85.81%	3122	-28
Four	7	563	0	415	73.71%	451	36
Five	7	509	2	393	77.21%	436	43
Six	62	4,855	66	4,161	85.71%	4153	-8
Seven	60	2,970	42	2,538	85.45%	2482	-56
Eight	25	1,214	8	977	80.48%	1012	35
Nine	49	3,239	4	2,654	81.94%	2666	12
Ten	44	3,765	22	2,890	76.76%	3192	302
1982 Dept	1	203	0	171	84.24%	192	21
District Totals:	421	28,536	251	23,524	82.44%	24233	709



Group 1 (Even) <i>Sharon Thiemecke</i>	210	14,142	127	11,596	82.00%	12,049	453
Group 2 (Odd) <i>Mary Kuperus</i>	210	14,191	124	11,757	82.85%	11,992	235

RANKINGS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
85.81%	85.71%	85.45%	84.24%	84.19%	81.94%	80.48%	79.48%	77.21%	73.71%
District #3	District #6	District #7	District #10	District #2	District #9	District #8	District #1	District #5	District #4



1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership As of January 26, 2022

Unit	Location	Goal	Previ- ous	Turn In	To- tal	Percent	Left
9	Winona	119	98		98	82.35%	21
90	Lewiston	36	32		32	88.89%	4
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	93		93	73.23%	34
546	Kellogg	100	88		88	88.00%	12
573	Elgin	14	7		7	50.00%	7
579	Millville	45	37		37	82.22%	8
588	Mazeppa	37	33		33	89.19%	4
92	Rochester	130	101		101	77.69%	29
119	Byron	23	14		14	60.87%	9
164	Stewartville	164	145		145	88.41%	19
551	Eyota	95	95		95	100.00%	0
Pod One Total		1110	875		875	78.83%	235
295	West Con- cord	29	26		26	89.66%	3
330	Hayfield	171	147		147	85.96%	24
333	Kasson	143	125		125	87.41%	18
384	Dodge Cen- ter	57	45		45	78.95%	12
422	Claremont	21	19		19	90.48%	2
52	Blooming Prairie	89	80		80	89.89%	9
77	Owatonna	104	80		80	76.92%	24
75	New Rich- land	41	30		30	73.17%	11
228	Waseca	225	189		189	84.00%	36
587	Waldorf	19	14		14	73.68%	5
Pod Two Totals		899	755		755	83.98%	144

526	Peterson	45	39		39	86.67%	6
544	Ostrander	13	10		10	76.92%	3
637	Whalan	18	16		16	88.89%	2
191	Caledonia	71	62		62	87.32%	9
249	Spring Grove	94	78		78	82.98%	16
423	Houston	117	111		111	94.87%	6
498	Hokah	18	15		15	83.33%	3
595	La Crescent	160	106		106	66.25%	54
Pod Three Totals		915	699		699	76.39%	216
56	Albert Lea	266	214		214	80.45%	52
264	Glenville	96	82		82	85.42%	14
404	Alden	42	26		26	61.90%	16
552	Freeborn	58	51		51	87.93%	7
91	Austin	122	79		79	64.75%	43
105	Lyle	53	45		45	84.91%	8
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
Pod Four Totals		878	693		693	78.93%	185
Total		3802	3022		3022	79.48%	780

Invite to all Juniors of the First District

Fist District American Legion Auxiliary Junior Conference

March 19, 2022

Unit #264 Glenville (main street across from the bank)

8:30 Registration

9:00 Junior executive meeting

10:00AM Start conference

11:00-11:30 Lunch (Hamburgers or hotdogs with mac & cheese and a treat)

On behalf of honorary Junior Auxiliary President Taylor and unit #264 Glenville, we invite all units of the First District to bring a junior to the Conference. We promise to not make it an all day-- boring conference! We hope to make it a learning experience as well as fun filled for our juniors--- ***the future leaders of the American Legion Auxiliary.*** It is our hope a senior member will step out of the box and bring one, two, or 10 juniors to the meeting. **UNITS---we must make change and it should start with believing in why we have juniors within our membership.** Many units, Alden, Albert Lea, Austin, Freeborn, New Richland, LeRoy, Adams, etc., are only 15-30 minutes from Glenville. We realize others are a bit further away but hope you will bring the girls no matter how far away you are! Please let us know who will be attending so we can plan for the meal. Send me the pre-registration along with how many members (junior & senior) will be attending. See the call to convention with costs and where to mail the registration.

You can pay at the door, but want to make sure we have enough food for lunch.

Join us for a funfilled, educational morning!

If you have questions call Sandy Fredrickson @ 507-448-3438

Thank you kindly,
Unit 264 Glenville, MN

FROM YOUR HONORARY JR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy Valentines Day to all. The First District Jr Conference is coming up on March 19,2022. Information can be found in this newsletter. Lets get as many Juniors to attend as possible this year. I will see everyone in Glenville on March 19th. 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



CALL TO THE FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR CONFERENCE

The annual Junior Conference of the First District American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Glenville American Legion Post located at 331 W Main St, Glenville, MN for the purpose of:

1. Presentations and judging of awards.
2. Reports from the Unit Junior Presidents.
3. Election of 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 9:00 AM. The registration fee is five (5) dollars per Junior or Senior member with a maximum of ten (10) dollars per family. Lunch will be served at the cost of five (5) dollars per lunch. There will be an Executive Board meeting for Junior and Senior officers at 10 AM. Honorary District Junior President Taylor McElroy will call the conference to order immediately following the Executive Board meeting.

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

CLASSES

Class I ----- Ages 6 years and under

Class II ----- Ages 7 – 12 years

Class III ----- Ages 13 – 18 years

AWARDS

1ST Place ----- \$5.00 cash award for each class

2nd Place ----- \$3.00 cash award for each class

(Refer to the First District Junior Standing Rules)

2022 Department Poppy Contest entries may be brought the day of the conference.

1. POPPY DISTRIBUTION CONTAINER CONTEST

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy Distribution Container focusing on the use of the poppy and promoting poppy distribution. Container ideas: cans, jars, plastic, box or baskets. All white tags must be removed from the poppies.

2. Poppy Centerpiece Contest

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy Centerpiece using Honorary Department Junior President Ashley Stal's theme "Juniors are like butterflies, transforming Veterans," using the butterfly. All white tags must be removed from the poppies.

3. Poppy Jewelry/ Accessories Contest

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy jewelry or accessory using Honorary Department Junior President Ashley Stal's theme "Juniors are like butterflies, transforming Veterans lives," using the Butterfly. All white tags must be removed from the poppies.

4. PAINTED POPPY PICTURE (ON CANVAS ONLY)

To the Junior member in each class with the best Painted Poppy Picture using the poppy and Honorary Junior President Ashley Stal's theme "Juniors are like butterflies, transforming Veterans lives," using the butterfly. Painting with focus on the Poppy on an 8' X 10" canvas only, these can be purchased at dollar stores,

If you 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 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

Sharon Hammon – First District Activities Chair.

**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: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records	
Veteran Served:	
<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/8/1917-11/11/1918)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> Panama
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)	
To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer	
I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.	
Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification	Date

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

ADJUTANT

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Greetings First District American Legion Family

There has been rumblings around the District concerning membership and the processing or lack of processing it. If your squadron is experiencing any difficulties or questions please reach out to myself or one of the Vice Commanders. I realize that the online process (my legion.org) can be challenging at times. We have several individuals that are available to assist you telephonically or can com to your squadron for “hands on the key” training. I’ve made my share of “help calls” when working online.

I see a few events posted then I see some cancellations due to weather or covid. Yes covid is still a hurdle we must navigate.

The SAL Spring Conference for the Detachment was changed to Saturday March 19, 2022 at St Augusta Post 622, start time 9:00 AM. Hope to see you there.

Chuck Stone—First District SAL Commander

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2022 First District American Legion Rider Convention Call

To all American Legion Rider Chapters of the First District:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and by-laws of the American Legion Riders, Department of Minnesota, I Roe Naylor, First District ALR Director, do hereby call a convention meeting of the First District ALR to be held at the Albert Lea American Legion at 1 PM, on Saturday, May 7th, 2022.

The purpose of this convention meeting is to elect District Officers and to conduct such business of the First District ALR that may properly come before this meeting.

The voting strength of each ALR Chapter will be, as provided in the First District ALR by-laws.

All ALR members are encouraged to attend and register at the convention to support the American Legion Family.

First District ALR Director
 Roe Naylor

1st District ALR Meeting

Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 12:30 PM

At Stewartville American Legion Post 164



February

KASSON AMERICAN LEGION

212 W. MAIN ST. 507-634-4353

SUN

MON

TUE

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SAT

This month in military history — Iwo Jima Flag Raising **FEBRUARY 23, 1945**



HAPPY HOUR

MON-FRI 3-6PM
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)

DAILY DRINK SPECIALS

MONDAY **CAPTAIN MORGAN**
TUESDAY **MARGARITA**
WEDNESDAY **WINDSOR**
THURSDAY **TITO'S**
FRIDAY **RED SHIRT DAY**
SATURDAY **SELTZER'S**
SATURDAY & SUNDAY **POST 333 BLOODY MARY**



<p>6</p> <p>OPEN 12-5 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>NO BARGO</p> <p>MASON MONDAY MEAL 6 PM</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>BINGO 6:30 pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE 5³⁰-7³⁰ PM Triton Dance Team</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>STEAK FRY 5-7 PM</p>
<p>13</p>  <p>OPEN 12-5 PM</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Valentines Day</p>  <p>FREE BARGO 6:30 PM</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>BINGO 6:30 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE 5³⁰-7³⁰ PM KM Baseball</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>CELEBRATION OF LIFE 1-4 PM</p>
<p>20</p> <p>OPEN 12-5 PM</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>FREE BARGO 6:30 PM</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>BINGO 6:30 PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>POST 333</p> <p>BOARD MEETING 6 PM</p> <p>OPEN MEETING 7 PM</p> <p>AUXILIARY MEETING 6 PM</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>PUZZLE PARTY 2 PM</p>
<p>27</p> <p>OPEN 12-5 PM</p> <p>CELEBRITY BARTENDING 1-4 PM</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>FREE BARGO 6:30 PM</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM</p> <p>23</p>  <p>BINGO 6:30 PM</p> <p>24</p> <p>BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE 5³⁰-7³⁰ PM Dodge County 4-H</p> <p>25</p>  <p>FREE DJ BINGO 4 PM</p>				
<p>27</p> <p>OPEN 12-5 PM</p> <p>CELEBRITY BARTENDING 1-4 PM</p> <p>28</p>  <p>FREE BARGO 6:30 PM</p> <p>KASSON AMERICAN LEGION EVENTS. For more details on events follow Kasson American Legion Post 333 on Facebook, call the legion at (507) 634-4353, or refer to the most recent newsletter.</p>						

February 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
		1 TUESDAYS National Freedom Day	2 WINELESS WING WEDNESDAYS Groundhog Day	3 THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED BUDDY ATCHIE THE BIG HOLLY VALENTINE	4 FISH Friday MEAT RAFFLE	5 JAC'S Prime Rib Dinner
\$2.99 KIDS MEAL	BOGO BURGER MONDAYS	8 TUESDAYS SAL Meeting 6pm The Legion 92 Club BOY SCOUT DAY	9 WINELESS WING WEDNESDAYS	10 WRAP IT UP! \$1 OFF Wraps	11 MEAT RAFFLE NATIONAL MAKE A FRIEND DAY!	12 JAC'S Prime Rib Dinner 1:00 PM BINGO
\$2.99 KIDS MEAL	BOGO BURGER MONDAYS	15 Post 92 Meeting 6pm The Legion 92 Club	16 of Kindness	17 of Kindness	18 MEAT RAFFLE DENNY + ANNE National DRINK WINE DAY	19 JAC'S Prime Rib Dinner WITH CHRIS RISE
5:30 pm LVI SUPER BOWL	Happy Valentine's Day Valentine's Day Dinner Monday, February 14th 4pm to 7pm \$10.99 and \$15.99 \$10 per Couple Limited Seating / Reservations Required Call: 507-252-1557 or sign up at the bar	22 TUESDAYS MARGARITA 200 DAY MARGARET	23 WINELESS WING WEDNESDAYS	24 NATIONAL CHILI DAY	25 FISH Friday MEAT RAFFLE NATIONAL DRINK WINE DAY	26 JAC'S Prime Rib Dinner 1:00 PM BINGO
\$2.99 KIDS MEAL	PRESIDENTS DAY	27 National Kabobs KABOBS	28 BOGO BURGER MONDAYS	NEXT MONTH THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH Rochester Caledonian Pipe Band (7:00pm) Corned Beef & Cabbage (All Day) DJ Biggle Ben (7:30-11:30pm)		

PULL TABS - ELECTRONIC TABS - SCRATCH TAB MACHINE—ELECTRONIC BINGO
 MN CHARTIABLE GAMBLING LICENSE: 00254-003

WEST CONCORD AMERICAN LEGION POST 295



Pre-Valentines Day Burgers 'n Dogs Nite

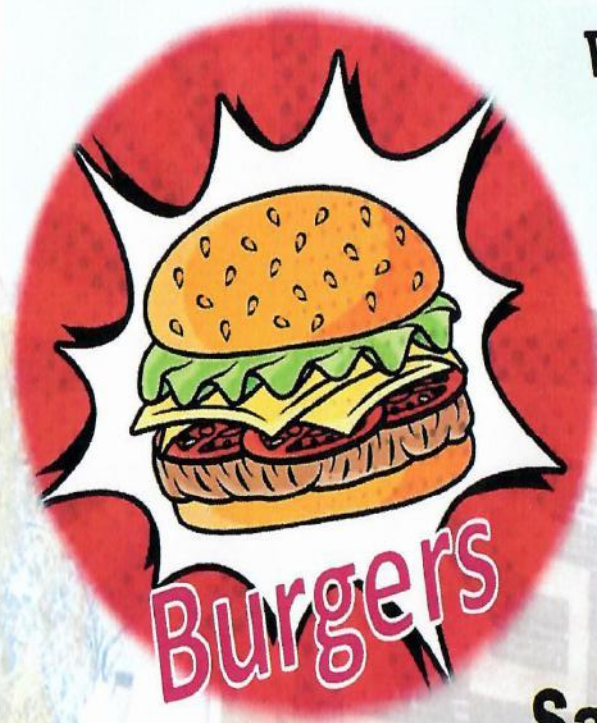
Saturday, February 12th, 2022
5:00 – 8:00 PM

At the West Concord
Legion Hall on
East Main Street

Dine in or Drive up

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF GRILLING AND HELP
FUND OUR BUILDING PROJECTS.

YOUR SUPPORT IS WHAT KEEPS THE HALL AVAILABLE
FOR YOU AND THE COMMUNITY.



Harley's

"Old Fashioned"

Turkey Dinner

Sunday, February 13th

Serving From

11:00am to 1pm

Adults; \$12.00 Kids under 10/under \$5.00

Dine-in, Pick-up in house, Delivery Service

In town delivery 507-304-5006

Sponsored by

American Legion Post 281

All proceeds for American Legion Baseball

The Boy Scouts and School Patrol



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
 First Initial Last Date of Birth _____

Address _____
 Street City State ZIP _____

Membership ID# former member _____ Post # _____ Phone # _____ Email _____
 Male Female Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

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|---|---|
| <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 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.

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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.

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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)

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

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 _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____

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.