



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

MARCH 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

March 10, 2018 - The Department Appreciation Rally at Buffalo Post 270.

March 17, 2018 - The First District Jr Conference at LeRoy Post 161. The call to conference is inside this newsletter.

March 24, 2018 - The First District Area Two Rally at Kason Post 333. Fun time at 2 PM and the rally at 4 PM.

April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday

April 7, 2018 - Commander Shaunce's testimonial . More information inside this newsletter

April 14, 2018 - President Cheryl's testimonial. More information inside this newsletter

Rushford Post 94 is holding bingo every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month. With an open kitchen.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

If your post is located on one of Minnesota's highways and byways and you want your post information put on the Minnesota American Legion website send your information to the Department of Minnesota in care of Shawn Davis. He will be making up a map of the highways and posts to put on the website.

This will be handy for people traveling through our state in route to Minneapolis for the National Convention in August. They may want to stop and visit some of the Minnesota nice American Legion Posts.

COMMEMORTIVE COINS FOR MINNESOTA

HERE ARE THE FRONT AND BACK PICTURES OF THE 100TH ANIVERSERY COIN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA.

THEY ARE TEN (10) DOLLARS EACH AND IF YOU WANT ONE OR MORE PLEASE EITHER LET BILL GOEDE OR WAYNE HAMMON JR KNOW AND SHOULD HAVE THEM AT THE FIRST DISTRICT MID-WINTER ON JANUARY 6, 2018.



!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Important !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If any post has a resolution to come before the District Convention in May it **MUST** be in the hands of the resolution chairman (Rich Gosse) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the call to order of the District Convention which is May 18, 2018.

If you want it looked over by Rich to make sure it is correct get it to him by April 1, 2018 so there will be time to communicate back and forth.

Rich Gosse - First District Resolution Chairman.

Law Officer and/or Firefighter of the year award

Any post that has a candidate for Law Officer or Firefighter of the year needs to contact The District Chairman (Richard Skillestad) as soon as possible as the applications **HAVE TO BE IN** Department no later than April 1, 2018.

If you need an application please contact Richard and he will explain what needs to be done.

Richard Skillestad - First District Law and Order Chairman

Phone - 507 — 250 — 5329

Greetings First District:

Thanks again for all the hard work on membership. As of Feb. 22nd we are still in 2nd place in Department. I am asking everyone to really beat the bushes the first week of March so we can jump into first place. We've been in second almost all year. Let's show them how great the 1st District is.

I understand the Sweetheart Rally turned out quite well. We had a very good representation. I hope all the ladies had a good time. I understand that the trip home was rather interesting.

The National Commanders Tour over for another year. I was unable to attend but, I understand that Waseca Post# 228, the only stop in the 1st District had a good turnout. Thanks to all who attended representing the 1st District.

On February 19th I was scheduled to attend a program at Lake City Post# 110 to address and present certificates of years of membership to post members. Unfortunately the weather that night caused me to cancel. I'm deeply sorry I had to miss that event.

Adjutant Hammon and I attended a District Convention planning meeting February 12th in Winona. Everything seems to be coming along just fine.

We had our Area 4 VA&R Rally at Alden Post# 404 on Saturday February 24th. Because of some bad weather and the Washington Call-in we only had 10 people show up. We had a good time breaking in Rollie's Bean Bag Boards.

March 10th is the Department Appreciation Rally at Buffalo Post# 270. E-Board will meet at 1:00 pm, with membership turn in from 3:00-4:30p.m, Dinner at 5:00 pm, with program to follow. Please plan to attend and bring lots of memberships. This is where your Vice-Commanders are recognized for all the hard work they do for the District during the year.

March 12th is Veterans Day On The Hill. There are a few changes to the program this year. First of all they have added a Pre Rally Breakfast from 8:00-9:45 am held on the 5th floor of the Vet Services Bldg. We will then rally in the Rotunda of the Capital from 10:00-11:00a.m. The other addition will be regional rooms where you can meet your local legislators. Please plan to attend, we need as many people there as possible. This is how we put the pressure on our legislators to listen to our agenda.

March 24th will be our Area 2 VA&R Rally at Kasson Post# 333. Bean Bag Tournament at 2:00 pm, meeting at 4:00 p.m. Let's make this last Rally a good one

Commander—Le Shaunce



from L - R: Dan Smith, Adjutant, Wabasha County, National Commander Rohan, Gary Balcome, Commander, Millville Post #579, and Andru Peters, Commander, Wabasha County. Commander Gary received a membership certificate on behalf of his Post.

FROM AREA ONE

Hi too all.

Thank you to each every one of you that have worked hard for membership in your post. With your voice, We can make a difference by not losing all of our great benefits. Thank you again

Sincerely
Area One Vice Commander

Scotty

FROM AREA TWO

Thinking Spring! Saturday, Feb 3rd, I traveled to the North St. Paul Post 39 for the department Sweetheart membership rally. The ladies aux were handing out Valentines candy to all the districts. The meal was fabulous.

On Sat, Feb 24th, it was very a snowy afternoon and evening to travel to the Alden Post 404 for the Area 4 Rally. We all played bean bag toss and that was a great lot of fun.

March is, of course, St, Patrick's Day. For all those that wear the green, I sure hope that you find the pot of gold. March 12th, is the Veteran's on the Hill at the Rotunda on the Capital.

Easter is early this year. I hope that you all have a wonderful time with your friends and family. Please keep those that are away from their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Area 2 Vice Commander, Myron Ehrich

FROM AREA THREE

Greetings from Area Three:

The days are getting longer, the sun is shining brighter and the snow, hopefully, is disappearing. All these things are signs of spring. After spring comes summer which brings the American Legion one hundred year anniversary. I would like to see the Legion Post commanders and city official's work together to have celebrations that will honor this historic event.

I want to thank the Membership Directors of the Posts in Area Three for the fantastic job they have done in turning in membership. As I have said before, a little extra work will help achieve your goal for the year. Several Posts are within one or two memberships of reaching goal. With a little work, it can be done.

I'm wishing everyone a blessed Easter. As always, remember our men and women in uniform.

Area Three Vice Commander
Carroll Hill

FROM AREA FOUR

Welcome Comrades:

Well February is about over and March is coming in, will it be a lion or lamb is the question? Anyway we look at it we are closer to spring.

What a busy spring we will have! The 10th of March is the Appreciation Rally at Buffalo Post 270. Also on the 12th is Veterans on the Hill. Many activities are in the making so please watch for news letters and Emails to bring you up to date.

Please think about holding a office in your Local Post or at the District level.

Membership is coming along fine but we can always use more help in that area. Join someone up today!

Remember to thank a Veteran for his or her service.

Area 4 Commander Rollie Hanson

TESIMONIAL DINNER FOR FIRST DISTRICT COMMANDER



LES SHAUNCE

DATE-----April 7, 2018

TIME-----SOCIAL – 5:00 TO 6:00 PM
DINNER – 6:00 PM
PROGRAM – 7:00 pm

PLACE-----LEO CAREY POST 56
142 NORTH BROADWAY
ALBERT LEA, MN

MENU-----IOWA CHOP, MASHED POTATO, SALAD,
DINNER ROLL, DESSERT, COFFEE, MILK
AND WATER

COST-----FIFTEEN (15) DOLLARS PER PLATE

-----CUT OFF AND SEND WITH PAYMENT-----

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “LEO CAREY POST 56” AND MAIL TO;

LES SHAUNCE
528 ALICE AVE
ALBERT LEA, MN 56007

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 26, 2018

First district membership report for 2/28/2018

| POST | LOCATION | GOAL | PREV. | TURN IN | TOTAL | PERCENT | LEFT | Date |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| 9 | WINONA | 597 | 547 | 9 | 556 | 93.13% | 41 | 2/28/2018 |
| 90 | LEWISTON | 78 | 55 | 6 | 61 | 78.21% | 17 | 2/22/2018 |
| 190 | ST CHARLES | 144 | 144 | 1 | 145 | 100.69% | -1 | 2/16/2018 |
| WINONA COUNTY TOTALS | | 819 | 746 | 16 | 762 | 93.04% | 57 | 2/28/2018 |
| 50 | WABASHA | 242 | 221 | 2 | 223 | 92.15% | 19 | 2/22/2018 |
| 110 | LAKE CITY | 141 | 130 | 4 | 134 | 95.04% | 7 | 2/22/2018 |
| 179 | PLAINVIEW | 194 | 170 | 7 | 177 | 91.24% | 17 | 2/8/2018 |
| 546 | KELLOGG | 73 | 63 | 3 | 66 | 90.41% | 7 | 1/11/2018 |
| 573 | ELGIN | 37 | 33 | 1 | 34 | 91.89% | 3 | 2/28/2018 |
| 579 | MILLVILLE | 140 | 178 | 1 | 179 | 127.86% | -39 | 1/11/2018 |
| 588 | MAZEPPA | 78 | 66 | 3 | 69 | 88.46% | 9 | 2/8/2018 |
| WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS | | 905 | 861 | 21 | 882 | 97.46% | 23 | 2/28/2018 |
| 92 | ROCHESTER | 988 | 889 | 5 | 894 | 90.49% | 94 | 2/28/2018 |
| 119 | BYRON | 148 | 136 | 10 | 146 | 98.65% | 2 | 2/8/2018 |
| 164 | STEWARTVILLE | 305 | 284 | 1 | 285 | 93.44% | 20 | 2/16/2018 |
| 446 | ROCHESTER | 17 | 14 | 1 | 15 | 88.24% | 2 | 1/8/2018 |
| 551 | EYOTA | 183 | 174 | 2 | 176 | 96.17% | 7 | 2/22/2018 |
| OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS | | 1641 | 1497 | 19 | 1516 | 92.38% | 125 | 2/28/2018 |
| AREA ONE TOTALS | | 3365 | 3104 | 56 | 3160 | 93.91% | 205 | 2/28/2018 |
| 295 | WEST CONCORD | 57 | 51 | 6 | 57 | 100.00% | 0 | 2/8/2018 |
| 330 | HAYFIELD | 242 | 198 | -2 | 196 | 80.99% | 46 | 2/8/2018 |
| 333 | KASSON | 269 | 252 | 2 | 254 | 94.42% | 15 | 2/16/2018 |
| 384 | DODGE CENTER | 87 | 76 | 1 | 77 | 88.51% | 10 | 2/22/2018 |
| 422 | CLAREMONT | 36 | 30 | 1 | 31 | 86.11% | 5 | 2/8/2018 |
| DODGE COUNTY TOTALS | | 691 | 607 | 8 | 615 | 89.00% | 76 | 2/28/2018 |
| 52 | BLOOMING PRAIRIE | 111 | 102 | 3 | 105 | 94.59% | 6 | 2/8/2018 |
| 77 | OWATONNA | 556 | 477 | 18 | 495 | 89.03% | 61 | 2/16/2018 |
| 296 | ELLENDALE | 33 | 29 | 4 | 33 | 100.00% | 0 | 1/8/2018 |
| STEELE COUNTY TOTALS | | 700 | 608 | 25 | 633 | 90.43% | 67 | 2/28/2018 |
| 75 | NEW RICHLAND | 58 | 52 | 1 | 53 | 91.38% | 5 | 2/28/2018 |
| 228 | WASECA | 342 | 311 | 2 | 313 | 91.52% | 29 | 2/28/2018 |
| 281 | JANESVILLE | 102 | 95 | 3 | 98 | 96.08% | 4 | 2/8/2018 |
| 587 | WALDORF | 22 | 25 | -1 | 24 | 109.09% | -2 | 2/8/2018 |
| WASECA COUNTY TOTALS | | 524 | 483 | 5 | 488 | 93.13% | 36 | 2/28/2018 |
| AREA TWO TOTALS | | 1915 | 1698 | 38 | 1736 | 90.65% | 179 | 2/28/2018 |
| 40 | LANESBORO | 106 | 100 | 1 | 101 | 95.28% | 5 | 1/18/2018 |
| 68 | SPRING VALLEY | 85 | 76 | 4 | 80 | 94.12% | 5 | 11/9/2017 |
| 81 | HARMONY | 34 | 32 | 1 | 33 | 97.06% | 1 | 2/16/2018 |
| 94 | RUSHFORD | 134 | 118 | 1 | 119 | 88.81% | 15 | 2/22/2018 |
| 166 | PRESTON | 76 | 65 | 2 | 67 | 88.16% | 9 | 2/16/2018 |
| 197 | CHATFIELD | 50 | 49 | 1 | 50 | 100.00% | 0 | 1/8/2018 |
| 299 | MABEL | 179 | 172 | 1 | 173 | 96.65% | 6 | 2/22/2018 |
| 369 | WYKOFF | 19 | 1 | 17 | 18 | 94.74% | 1 | 11/23/2017 |
| 400 | CANTON | 13 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 92.31% | 1 | 12/14/2017 |

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| 492 | FOUNTAIN | 15 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 100.00% | 0 | 1/8/2018 |
| 526 | PETERSON | 37 | 35 | 2 | 37 | 100.00% | 0 | 2/28/2018 |
| 544 | OSTRANDER | 29 | 25 | 1 | 26 | 89.66% | 3 | 1/11/2018 |
| 637 | WHALEN | 15 | 12 | 1 | 13 | 86.67% | 2 | 12/7/2017 |
| FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS | | 792 | 699 | 45 | 744 | 93.94% | 48 | 2/28/2018 |
| 191 | CALEDONIA | 170 | 156 | 1 | 157 | 92.35% | 13 | 2/22/2018 |
| 249 | SPRING GROVE | 162 | 143 | 5 | 148 | 91.36% | 14 | 2/16/2018 |
| 423 | HOUSTON | 113 | 109 | 1 | 110 | 97.35% | 3 | 2/28/2018 |
| 498 | HOKAH | 20 | 16 | 1 | 17 | 85.00% | 3 | 1/18/2018 |
| 595 | LA CRESCENT | 324 | 284 | 11 | 295 | 91.05% | 29 | 2/8/2019 |
| HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS | | 789 | 708 | 19 | 727 | 92.14% | 62 | 2/28/2018 |
| AREA THREE TOTALS | | 1581 | 1407 | 64 | 1471 | 93.04% | 110 | 2/28/2018 |
| 56 | ALBERT LEA | 678 | 604 | 3 | 607 | 89.53% | 71 | 2/28/2018 |
| 264 | GLENVILLE | 87 | 76 | 1 | 77 | 88.51% | 10 | 2/16/2018 |
| 266 | HARTLAND | 15 | 1 | 14 | 15 | 100.00% | 0 | 9/14/2017 |
| 317 | EMMONS | 72 | 60 | 2 | 62 | 86.11% | 10 | 12/7/2017 |
| 404 | ALDEN | 109 | 100 | 1 | 101 | 92.66% | 8 | 2/22/2018 |
| 552 | FREEBORN | 38 | 36 | 2 | 38 | 100.00% | 0 | 11/9/2017 |
| FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS | | 999 | 877 | 23 | 900 | 90.09% | 99 | 2/28/2018 |
| 91 | AUSTIN | 610 | 530 | 9 | 539 | 88.36% | 71 | 2/28/2018 |
| 105 | LYLE | 92 | 83 | 2 | 85 | 92.39% | 7 | 2/28/2018 |
| 140 | GRAND MEADOW | 50 | 44 | 1 | 45 | 90.00% | 5 | 2/28/2018 |
| 146 | ADAMS | 219 | 197 | 1 | 198 | 90.41% | 21 | 2/22/2018 |
| 161 | LEROY | 66 | 56 | 4 | 60 | 90.91% | 6 | 2/8/2018 |
| 570 | AUSTIN SPAM | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 120.00% | -1 | 8/23/2017 |
| MOWER COUNTY TOTALS | | 1042 | 915 | 18 | 933 | 89.54% | 109 | 2/28/2018 |
| AREA FOUR TOTALS | | 2041 | 1792 | 41 | 1833 | 89.81% | 208 | 2/28/2018 |
| 1111 | DAKOTA | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 2/8/2018 |
| DISTRICT ONE TOTALS | | 8953 | 8001 | 199 | 8200 | 91.59% | 753 | 2/28/2018 |

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| AREA | VICE | COM- | | | | | | | |
| MANDERS | | | | | | | | | |
| AREA ONE | | | 3365 | 3104 | 56 | 3160 | 93.91% | 205 | 2/28/2018 |
| AREA TWO | | | 1915 | 1698 | 38 | 1736 | 90.65% | 179 | 2/28/2018 |
| AREA THREE | | | 1581 | 1407 | 64 | 1471 | 93.04% | 110 | 2/28/2018 |
| AREA FOUR | | | 2041 | 1792 | 41 | 1833 | 89.81% | 208 | 2/28/2018 |

Legion Members

Time is getting away from us, before you know it will be time for the district convention, then the State Conv. and finally the National Convention here in Minn. for our 100th year. But before that we need to get to that 100%. I'm hoping we can get there but I'm also realistic, let's get as close as we can because I know of a couple of Posts have already said they can't make it, I told them as I tell you don't count yourself out you can always get more memberships just ask that's all you have to do is start asking.

If we don't start getting younger members the Legion won't be around for the next 100 years, not even sure how long without the new faces starting to take over for us old guys and gals. I'll admit it I'm getting old and would rather teach or help now while I still remember what I'm doing. (Forget once in a while, don't we)

We've held on to second place for a while I think it's time we moved into 1st place and hold on to it for the rest of the year we're not that far from it, so come Guys @ Gals lets pull ahead of the 6th and finish this year in first place. Yes we can do it.

FIRST DISTRICT 2018 CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION
MAY 19, 2018 WINONA MN

The First District Convention will be held at American Legion Post 9 in Winona, MN.
Please fill out this form by May 5, 2018 and return to:

Leon J. Wetzel, Post #9
302 East Sarnia St
Winona MN. 55987
ATTENTION : CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Please mark the items you want, mark an "X" and total up the amount.

| | | | |
|-------|----------------------|---------|-------|
| _____ | Pre-Registration | \$10.00 | |
| | Registration at door | \$12.00 | |
| _____ | Saturday noon lunch | \$8.00 | TBD |
| | TOTAL | \$ | _____ |

Please make checks out to Leon J. Wetzel Post #9 and send to address above.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

CIRCLE ONE- DELEGATE ALTERNATE GUEST

Please place an X by your organization and put in the number of your Post
LEGION ___ POST # ___ AUXILIARY ___ UNIT # _____ SAL ___ SQUADRON # _____

You must register as either a delegate, alternate or as a guest to attend the convention. (If Legion Riders that are not registered and plan on attending the Rider meetings, they must register under one of the organizations above.)

One person per registration form please. Make copies if needed. More than one registration and lunch fee may be put on one check.

IMPORTANT—being that it is a one day convention it is important that we have pre-registration so we can get a better number of those attending for the Post. So PLEASE PRE-REGISTER.

CONVENTION HOUSING INFORMATION

Rooms have been blocked for the convention: Holiday inn Express & Suites, 1128 Homer Rd, Winona MN. 55987 Rooms will be blocked at the price of \$129.00 per room for the night of May 18, 2018 until April 18, 2018 . Blocking contract code # is (ALM). If any questions call me.
Holiday Inn Phone – 507/474/1700 Fax – 507/474/7800

Jeff Brokaw - 507/458/7501

LEGION MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE NATIONAL COMMANDER'S STOP IN WASECA



DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR LARRY RYAN ADDRESSING THE GROUP.



NATIONAL COMMANDER DENISE ROHAN ADDRESSING THE MEMBERS PRESENT IN WASECA

LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE SWEETHEART RALLY IN NORTH ST PAUL POST 39 10



**FIRST DISTRICT COMMANDER
LES SHAUNCE'S
PROJECT FOR THE YEAR**



A SIX PASSENGER GOLF CART FOR THE STATE VETERANS CEMETERY IN PRESTON, MN.

TO BE USED TO TRANSPORT FAMILY MEMBERS TO THE GRAVE SITES OF THEIR LOVED ONES.

IF THE FUNDS COME FROM GAMBLING THE CHECK NEEDS TO BE MADE OUT TO THE PRESTON CEMETERY. OTHERWISE MAKE THEM OUT TO THE FIRST DISTRICT. COMMANDERS PROJECT IN MEMO

OFFICER ENDORSEMENTS

1. Gary Miller for District Commander
2. Bill Goede for District Finance Officer
3. Andru Peters for Area One Vice Commander

DELEGATE REQUESTS RECEIVED

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Chuck Stone | 8. Rich Gosse |
| 2. Chuck Kruger | 9. Myron Ehrich |
| 3. Bill Goede | 10. Dale Wellik |
| 4. James Kellogg (Alt) | 11. Harlan Buck |
| 5. Sy Fix | 12. Myron Ehrich |
| 6. Wayne Hammon Jr | |
| 7. Les Shaunce | |

ANY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THAT WANTS TO KEEP THEIR COMMITTEE FOR THE UP COMING YEAR OR IS INTERESTED IN HOLDING A CHAIRMAN'S POSITION IN THE DISTRICT CONTACT EITHER GARY MILLER OR WAYNE HAMMON JR. THEIR CONTACT INFO IS ON THE FRONT PAGE.

DELEGATE INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

I have received a couple of questions from posts in our district on how the delegates are selected so here is a short explanation.

We have a limited number of delegate and alternates than can go to the National Convention set by our membership numbers. Some of the delegates are automatic selections but everyone planning on going must send a request letter to the district adjutant and a committee appointed at the district convention will pick the delegates and alternates.

But anyone can go as a quest, there is no limit on how many quests that can go. As a quest you still have to pay the registration fee but you do not have to stay in the convention hotel which the delegates and alternates have to. As a quest you still need to send a letter to the district adjutant so your name can be forwarded to Department. The quests will be issued a name badge which allows you to get into the exhibition hall and convention hall.

I hope this short explanation helps with some of the questions that are out there and if you want to contact me that is fine also. My contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.

First District Adjutant - Wayne Hammon Jr.



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"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn." Lewis Grizzard

Well, now isn't that the truth. March is just the beginning of longer days, and warmth in the air (we can only hope, anyway). Within the month of February, I had the privilege of raising funds for my projects, which just happened to bring some special helpers along with it. On Fri., Feb. 9th, the workers and myself gathered at the Plainview American Legion to help our Legion with their Fish Fry. I put a call out to the district executive board, along with some friends, and family members, and we had fun working together in harmony, raising \$150 for my two projects. My heart and gratitude go to all those who chipped in to help me out. I am looking forward to the upcoming Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser too!!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER FOR 1ST DISTRICT PRESIDENT CHERYL'S PROJECTS:

Please see the attached flyer in the newsletter regarding a pancake breakfast which will be a fundraiser for my projects. Rosie Peterson from Unit #179 is heading up this fundraising project to be held at the Plainview American Legion on

Sunday, March 4th from 7am-Noon.



Working the fish fry at the Plainview American Legion were L to R: Jill Mueller, Marie Nymann, Kent Nymann, Cheryl Nymann, Adam Nymann, Debra Bigelow, and Randy Bigelow.

FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY SECRETARY

First District Chairman: Annual report forms have been sent to units and will be coming to you in the mail from the Department of Minnesota. Please get your reports done by due dates and send me a copy so I can compile into the book of annual reports. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me or any member of our team. Past Presidents are very good resources. thank you...Jill Mueller [5072696316](tel:5072696316) (Cell) [5079324301](tel:5079324301) (Home) and jilly1026@gmail.com. or Mail to—548 East 10th street. St. Charles, MN 55972

March is Community Service Month:

_What are your Units doing for activities this month? Are you proud to be a member of the ALA? Does your Unit need a bump in membership? As you are out and about doing community service work, be sure to wear that ALA magnetic emblem. It can spur on a conversation about the ALA, as some may ask questions as to what it signifies. LET YOUR WHY STORY shine and let your ALA membership be told. I wear one of my magnetic patches on my jacket, and one on my clothing. Some things you can do:

- Volunteer at local libraries, food pantries and shelves, domestic violence shelters, senior citizen centers, assisted living centers, nursing homes, veterans home, schools and for service projects and causes (walks, special events, etc.) Wear your auxiliary apparel while doing so.
- Represent the Auxiliary as a member of local community boards and committees.
- Attend and represent the Auxiliary at special celebrations and events in the community.
- Remember to always be a visible representative of the Auxiliary.

An easy way to track your Volunteer Service hours is with the attached form....make a copy and use it for next year as well. Your hours do not have to specifically involve veterans or service members. You can track any volunteer hours that you do.

National President's Tour in MN:

MON., APRIL 16th Hasting's Veteran's Home

MON., APRIL 16th: Waseca American Legion 11:30am Social / Noon Lunch

Fergus Falls WWII Museum

Willmar American Legion 5:30pm Social / 6:00pm Dinner

TUE., APRIL 17th: Eagles Healing Nest 9:00am Tour

Sauk Center

Camp Ripley National Cemetery 11:00am Lunch

Little Falls American Legion 12:00 noon Lunch

Fridley American Legion 5:30pm Social / 6:00pm Dinner

Please note that some of the times are not yet set, please contact the Department office for an update on times and meal costs. I will be heading up to her Hastings Veterans Home visit if anyone would like to join me, please let me know!!

Hospital and Home Updates

*** Heart and Neck Pillows (firm please)
Needed at Minneapolis VAHCS**

*** Mittens, Hats and Scarfs (for Adults)
Needed at Minneapolis VA**

****Articles for the Unit Mailings must be submitted to Department Office by the 10th of the month****

****Articles for the Minnesota Legionnaire must be to Department Office by the 15th of each month****

Every day I give thanks to God for our veterans and currently serving military personnel. I'd like to share the following poem which I found in a collection of soldiers' poems. I share this in honor of all those who have returned home, and have been forever changed by the wars that they served in.

After The War

There's a tear in the fabric of his being
 ... Where the memories lie waiting to remind him
 ... Of the horror and the carnage
 That is cataloged as war
 Which civilians never see
 For it'd shatter their reality
 And leave them in a state of what
 To call it I don't know
 But it's tipped the balance
 Of the G I Joe
 Who comes to calmer waters
 Where life's normal once again
 But he's having trouble fitting in
 For he's shaken bad internally;
 it's a price they paid for defending
 But the dreams are never ending.

John Breska 44th Scout Platoon, 25th Division Viet Nam 69-70

Just some reminders that scholarship applications are due in March, as well as Annual Reports at the end of the month. Schedule a work day with your committee chairs and complete in one day!! God's peace and blessings to all! May God bless our veteran's and the USA!!

Cheryl Nymann

Please keep Past District President Cindy Nelson in your prayers as she recovers from cancer surgery at home. Also keep Past Department and District President Marie Goede in your prayers with her recovery from shoulder surgery on February 28th.



FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE SWEETHEART RALLY IN NORTH ST PAUL POST 39

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Hello Ladies;

Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather. We dropped to 7th in the state as of February 21st. Reach out to the ones that still need to be turned in so we can get back up and end in the 1st spot. The membership sheet attached is as of the 21st. It's close on the pods who's going to win the prize at District Convention. thank you for all your hard work and for all you do for our Veterans.

Michelle Weaver
1st District Membership Chairman



Greetings First District,

My name is Johanna (JoJo) Welter. I am the First District Honorary Junior Auxiliary President. My project is making patriotic fleece tie blankets for soldiers overseas. I am doing this project through Soldiers Wings South East Minnesota. I have already made & shipped 24 blankets. I received a wonderful Thank You from the troops in Poland.

I am adding a twist to my blanket project. If you know a veteran within the First District that you would like to nominate to receive a patriotic tie blanket, please send your nomination to me at, welterbunch@yahoo.com (in the subject line put) Tie Blanket
Or you can call me at [507-533-9434](tel:507-533-9434). (Approximate size is 60" x 72")
Include your name, who and why you are nominating them, branch of service they served and your contact information.

May God continue to bless the USA!

Flutter on over and help us celebrate President Cheryl's year!



Saturday April 14th 2018
At Plainview American Legion
in Plainview Minnesota
Social Hour at 5pm
Dinner at 6pm
Toasting to start at 7pm



Dinner will be Roast Beef, mash potatoes, gravy, squash, corn and desert.
Please respond by April 10th 2018



Name _____

Post/Unit/Squad/ALR _____

Number of Tickets needed _____

Cost per ticket= 15.00 x _____ = Total enclosed _____

Tickets will be at check in when you arrive.



| Unit | Location | Goal | Previous | Turn Total | Percent | Left | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| | 9 Winona | 181 | 108 | 108 | 59.67% | 73 | |
| | 90 Lewiston | 42 | 34 | 34 | 80.95% | 8 | |
| | 190 St Charles | 81 | 61 | 61 | 75.31% | 20 | |
| | 50 Wabasha | 142 | 99 | 99 | 69.72% | 43 | |
| | 110 Lake City | 88 | 69 | 69 | 78.41% | 19 | |
| | 179 Plainview | 185 | 144 | 144 | 77.84% | 41 | |
| | 546 Kellogg | 141 | 119 | 119 | 84.40% | 22 | |
| | 573 Elgin | 24 | 16 | 16 | 66.67% | 8 | |
| | 579 Millville | 50 | 51 | 51 | 102.00% | -1 | |
| | 588 Mazeppa | 54 | 41 | 41 | 75.93% | 13 | |
| | 92 Rochester | 183 | 122 | 122 | 66.67% | 61 | |
| | 119 Byron | 95 | 74 | 74 | 77.89% | 21 | |
| | 164 Stewartville | 188 | 175 | 175 | 93.09% | 13 | |
| | 551 Eyota | 109 | 89 | 89 | 81.65% | 20 | |
| Pod One Total | | 1563 | 1202 | 0 | 1202 | 76.90% | 361 |
| | 295 West Concord | 37 | 31 | 31 | 83.78% | 6 | |
| | 330 Hayfield | 198 | 170 | 170 | 85.86% | 28 | |
| | 333 Kasson | 151 | 134 | 134 | 88.74% | 17 | |
| | 384 Dodge Center | 81 | 74 | 74 | 91.36% | 7 | |
| | 422 Claremont | 22 | 21 | 21 | 95.45% | 1 | |
| | 52 Blooming Prairie | 118 | 106 | 106 | 89.83% | 12 | |
| | 77 Owatonna | 138 | 99 | 99 | 71.74% | 39 | |
| | 75 New Richland | 66 | 54 | 54 | 81.82% | 12 | |
| | 228 Waseca | 237 | 220 | 220 | 92.83% | 17 | |
| | 281 Janesville | 61 | 35 | 35 | 57.38% | 26 | |
| | 587 Waldorf | 30 | 23 | 23 | 76.67% | 7 | |
| Pod Two Totals | | 1139 | 967 | 0 | 967 | 84.90% | 172 |

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|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| 40 Lanesboro | 104 | 83 | 83 | 79.81% | 21 | |
| 68 Spring Valley | 47 | 43 | 43 | 91.49% | 4 | |
| 81 Harmony | 53 | 52 | 52 | 98.11% | 1 | |
| 94 Rushford | 78 | 67 | 67 | 85.90% | 11 | |
| 197 Chatfield | 40 | 37 | 37 | 92.50% | 3 | |
| 299 Mabel | 139 | 98 | 98 | 70.50% | 41 | |
| 369 Wykoff | 17 | 18 | 18 | 105.88% | -1 | |
| 526 Peterson | 38 | 37 | 37 | 97.37% | 1 | |
| 544 Ostrander | 18 | 13 | 13 | 72.22% | 5 | |
| 637 Whalen | 25 | 16 | 16 | 64.00% | 9 | |
| 191 Caledonia | 79 | 74 | 74 | 93.67% | 5 | |
| 249 Spring Grove | 144 | 116 | 116 | 80.56% | 28 | |
| 423 Houston | 144 | 136 | 136 | 94.44% | 8 | |
| 498 Hokah | 21 | 19 | 19 | 90.48% | 2 | |
| 595 LaCrescent | 233 | 187 | 187 | 80.26% | 46 | |
| Pod Three Totals | 898 | 232 | 0 | 232 | 25.84% | 666 |
| 56 Albert Lea | 148 | 285 | 285 | 192.57% | -137 | |
| 264 Glenville | 111 | 97 | 97 | 87.39% | 14 | |
| 317 Emmons | 32 | 25 | 25 | 78.13% | 7 | |
| 404 Alden | 49 | 41 | 41 | 83.67% | 8 | |
| 552 Freeborn | 65 | 61 | 61 | 93.85% | 4 | |
| 91 Austin | 169 | 128 | 128 | 75.74% | 41 | |
| 105 Lyle | 55 | 52 | 52 | 94.55% | 3 | |
| 140 Grand Meadow | 79 | 60 | 60 | 75.95% | 19 | |
| 146 Adams | 148 | 116 | 116 | 78.38% | 32 | |
| 161 Leroy | 68 | 46 | 46 | 67.65% | 22 | |
| Pod Four Totals | 1266 | 306 | 0 | 306 | 24.17% | 960 |
| Total | 5000 | 4076 | 0 | 4076 | 81.52% | 924 |

Call to Convention

The annual First District Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held at Winona American Legion Post 9, 302 East Sarina St, Winona, Minnesota on **Saturday May 19, 2018**. Auxiliary sessions will be held in American Legion Post 9 Club Rooms, Winona, MN
Opening session will be called on May 19, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the Convention is to:

Elect District Officers for the 2018-2019 year.

Receive reports of Unit Presidents.

Receive reports of District Chairmen.

Elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention (Minneapolis, MN)

Conduct such other business as may be brought before the Convention in conformity with the provisions of the Department and National Constitutions.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMEN MUST FILE/TYPE A REPORT FOR THE DISTRICT BOOK OF ANNUAL REPORTS, which will be available at the Convention. Reports should include information from the Unit annual reports forwarded to each respective Chairman by the Department office shortly after April 15 and any pertinent information regarding District projects or activities in your program area. Reports should be forwarded to the First District President **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2018**. If possible, reports should be typewritten and ready to print.

District Chairmen are also responsible to judge the Unit Annual Reports in their respective program area for trophies, awards and certificates of merit according to the District Standing Rules. They should notify the District President of winners of Certificates of Merit prior to the opening of the Convention so that the certificates can be properly prepared, signed and awarded at the Convention.

UNIT COLOR BEARERS

Units are encouraged to bring their flags to the Convention to be presented as part of the opening ceremonies, posted during the Auxiliary sessions and retired at the close of the Convention. Auxiliary members who are carrying their flags at the District Convention are asked to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday May 19, 2018 to rehearse.

PAGES AND COLOR BEARERS

Pages and color bearers are expected to wear **white blouses, navy blue skirts or slacks, and comfortable shoes**. NO jewelry except rings, watches and small earrings should be worn while acting as a page or color bearer.

UNIT PRESIDENTS

ALL Unit Presidents are asked to take part in the **Opening Ceremonies** at the District Convention regardless of whether or not their Unit Colors will be present. Please be there by 7:30 A.M. to rehearse.

ALL Unit Presidents are expected to prepare a **two minute report about Unit activities throughout this past year**. Reports may include summaries of Unit activities or specific activities unique to the Unit that may provide ideas for other Units. Presidents will **present their report** during the convention sessions and submit a **written copy of that report to the District Secretary upon completion of their presentation**. Unit Presidents who are unable to attend the Convention may prepare a report to be read by another unit member or may forward a written report to the District Secretary prior to the Convention.

COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

County Council Presidents are expected to be prepared to report on their county's activities, what their county does to keep their council active, and ideas that may help other counties start a council.



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 17, 2018 at the LeRoy American Legion, 306 West Main Street, LeRoy, MN 55951 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 be 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, Johanna Welter 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, Myrna Welter by the time of the 1st District Junior Conference. You may bring them with you that day.

2018 Department Poppy Contest entries may be brought the day of the Conference. Categories include: Poppy Corsage/Boutonniere; Poppy Centerpiece; Poppy Jewelry/Accessories; Poppy Memorial Day Wreath; Poppy Junior Membership Recruitment Board. Also, including Junior Scrapbook. 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!

Myrna Welter

First District Junior Activities Chair

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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Greetings First District!

It's been a crazy month. As many of you know my mom was diagnosed with colon cancer in January, and had surgery to remove it. She will undergo chemotherapy to ensure it is gone, but she is home now, and doing good. Thank you for all of your prayers and support. We are currently in 6th place in the state, but 2nd in overall numbers of members.

What can we do to renew our current members, and continuing to get new members? And how many dual members? A membership thru the legion is something only you can share with your fellow comrades. A membership in the S.A.L. is something you can share with your brothers, sons, and grandsons.

We will be trying something new this year.

It will be our first district dart tournament. It will be held on April 21st at the Stewartville post. It is open to the public, because it is a fundraiser. \$15 to non members, and \$10 to Legion Family members. 50% of monies from the tourney are put to paybacks. The other 50% will be split 50/50 to brain science (my project) and the legacy scholarship. I'm asking post, units, squadrons, and riders to help any way they can. We will be looking for additions to payouts and raffle prizes. Please contact Tim Weaver or myself to help in any way you can. It is a draw partner tournament. So even if you have never played, please come and support. This is a possible replacement to the pool tournament.

Our district convention will be coming up the 1st Saturday of May in Winona. We are still looking for possible positions on the district level. If you have any questions about if you want to hold a position on the district level, please let any of this year's officers know.

Until next month...

Commander Dave

SQUADRON 92, ROCHESTER, MN MONTHLY EVENT

SAL Fish and Chicken Dinner.

The Third Friday of each month - September thru May.

At the Legion Post 92 Club in Rochester.

\$11.00 for all you can eat.





2017 - 2018 Individual Recruitment Award

The National Membership Committee offers a recruitment pin award for those members recruiting five (5) new members into the Sons of The American Legion within a membership year. This pin is suitable to wear upon your cover or lapel. You must meet the requirements and directions listed below:

- Recruit five (5) new members to S.A.L. **Must be new members only**, no renewals.
- All information must be legible. Un-readable forms will not be accepted.
- The new members membership record must be available on the national database.
- This form must be sent prior to midnight of August 31, 2018.
- Only one (1) award pin per member regardless of the total new members recruited.
- American Legion Family members are also eligible for this award.
- Information must be spelled out and complete. **No Abbreviations.**

Recruiter Information

Name _____ Member ID# _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Full Squadron Name/Number _____ Detachment _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

Unless specified different, the pin will be sent to the above address

New Member Information

#1 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____
 #2 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____
 #3 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____
 #4 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____
 #5 Name _____ 6 Digit Sequential Card or ID # _____

VERIFYING SIGNATURES

(Underline) SQUAD / POST COMMANDER _____ DATE _____
 (Underline) SQUAD / POST ADJUTANT _____ DATE _____
 (Required) SQUADRON ADVISOR _____ DATE _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO: (Regional Membership Chairman)

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| East- Mark Nave (PA) | coolcameo@aol.com | 10 N 50th St, Philadelphia, PA 19139 |
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PINS WILL MAILED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH



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ALR Chapter News & Events

Glenville ALR-Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 4th, 2018 7:30am-1:00pm.

Austin ALR-Steak supper and gun raffle, Saturday, March 10th, 2018

Plans continue for the First District Tour of the First District. The dates for this are July 14-15th, 2018. Please consider being a stop if asked. We appreciate your support.

We would also ask you to add this event to your budget. The National American Legion Convention will be held here in Minnesota and it would be great to have a record donation from Minnesota!

PLEASE-provide your chapter reports to Dennis Lewison by April, 15, 2018 as he will provide a report to the American Legion at the convention.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 19th, 2018 1:00 PM in conjunction with the First District Convention in Winona. The American Legion Family memorial service is at 11am.

FIRST DISTRICT ALR RIDER OF THE YEAR WILL BE PRESENTED!

ELECTION of OFFICERS will be held at this meeting. It is important to have participation from all chapters. Please consider taking an office.

Reminder-The First District American Legion Family Convention is open to all ALR members. We are Legion, Auxiliary & S.A.L members first. This is a good way to learn more about the organization and the programs we support.

More information will be provided in the next newsletter-location of meetings, registration etc.

The Department American Legion Family convention will be held in Rochester this year. The convention parade will be Friday, July 20th, 2018. Please plan to participate. The Rochester ALR may ask for road guard assistance as the event approaches.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, March 4, 2018

7:00 a.m. – Noon

@ Plainview American Legion

Breakfast includes Pancakes,
Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Milk, Coffee

***Proceeds will benefit 1st District American
Legion Auxiliary President Projects:
Hastings Veterans Home Greenhouse
& Project New Hope***

Free Will Offering --- Suggested Donation \$7



THE AVTT TRAVELING VIETNAM WALL IS COMING TO AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

Resist
Respect
Remember



May 17-20, 2018
MOWER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
Opens at noon on May 17th

Opening Ceremony Friday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.
Closing Ceremony Sunday, May 20th at 12:00 p.m.
Viewing is free and open 24 hours a day to the public.

Special Tribute to Mower County Vietnam Veterans.



Hosted by Beyond the Yellow Ribbon - Austin

www.americanveteranstravelingtribute.com

**2ND ANNUAL
ALL YOU CAN EAT
STEAK DINNER**



\$20 ADVANCE TICKETS

**THE AUSTIN AMERICAN LEGION
MARCH 10
5:00 PM**

**GUN RAFFLE, LIVE AUCTION, GREAT FOOD.
PROCEEDS GO TO ALR POST 91 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND
HELP LOCAL VETRANS.**

**DINNER INCLUDES SALAD, BAKED POTATO, GREEN BEANS,
DESSERT AND COFFEE.**

**\$25 AT THE DOOR
\$10 FOR AGES 10 AND UNDER**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CONTACT
ROE NAYLOR..... [507-438-5804](tel:507-438-5804)**

VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2018

WHEN: MARCH 12TH

Free Pre-Rally Breakfast and Info 8-10am

(15th Floor Veterans Services Bldg)

Rally in the Rotunda 10-11am

Regional Rooms for Lawmakers 12-2pm

WHERE

Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda

Pre-Rally at MN Veterans Service Building

20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN

NEW THIS YEAR— FREE PRE-RALLY BREAKFAST, REGIONAL ROOMS FOR LAWMAKERS TO COME TO YOU AFTER THE RALLY, METRO AREA PARK AND RIDE AND MUCH MORE. DETAILS @ DAVMN.ORG

ALL VETERANS AND SUPPORTERS ARE INVITED TO RALLY IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS LEGISLATION

**INCLUDING:
KEEPING SURVIVING SPOUSES THEIR HOMES!
ENDING ILLEGAL PREDATORY LENDING AGAINST VETERANS BENEFITS!
INCREASING ACCESS TO THE OUTDOORS FOR OUR DISABLED VETERANS!
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...**

NEW METRO-AREA PARK AND RIDE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE DAY OF THE EVENT

For details on location and time check out WWW.DAVMN.ORG

BUSSES WILL BE OFFERING FREE RIDES FROM ACROSS GREAT LAKES MN.

To see if a bus will be coming from your area checkout WWW.DAVMN.ORG

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT TRENT DILKS AT TRENT@DAVMN.ORG





Paralyzed Veterans
of America



HUNTING/FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS

There ARE several opportunities for Disabled Veterans to hunt and fish this year all sponsored by MN Veterans Outdoor Programs and the organizations indicated here.

Keep in mind that there are deadlines for registering for these events, the deadline dates are noted in parenthesis behind each event. Registration forms and more information are available by contacting Dennis Erie, coordinator, at 320.380.4569 or via e-mail to mn.service.orgs@gmail.com.

You can also find more information by going on Facebook and searching "Camp Ripley Veterans Outdoor Programs" and by logging onto one of the following websites: www.davmn.org; www.mnlegion.org; www.mnpva.org; or www.mnvfw.org.

- 1-3May - Physically Disabled Veteran's Wild Turkey Hunt, Camp Ripley, MN (*Deadline 23Mar*)
- 21-24May - Ely Fishing Trip, (*Deadline 6Apr*)
- 31May-1Jun - Trolling for the Troops, 2 locations! (*Deadline 13Apr*)
- 9-11Oct - Physically Disabled Veteran's Deer Hunt, Camp Ripley, MN (*Deadline 17Aug*)



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