



**FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**  
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

March 2, 2019 - Area Three National Security Rally at Rushford Post 94 at 3 PM. (note the time change).

March 9, 2019 - Department Appreciation Rally at Montgomery Post 79. Executive meeting (TBA) turn in from 4 to 5 PM dinner at 5 PM with the program to follow.

March 16, 2019— The First District American Legion Jr Auxiliary Conference in Owatonna. (see the call to conference in the Auxiliary section of this newsletter)

March 23, 2019 - Area One National Security Rally at Millville Post 579. Rally will be starting at 3PM.

April 6, 2019 - Testimonial for all the Legion leadership at Eyota post 551. See detail in the flyer section of this newsletter.

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**ATTENTION ALL POSTS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT**

This is just a reminder that if any post in the First District has or is planning on having a resolution to come before the District Convention it MUST be in the hands of the Resolution Chairman Rich Gosse by April 15, 2019.

Rich Gosse— First District Resolution Chairman.

# FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

**MAY 18, 2019**

**POST 164, STEWARTVILLE, MN**

The First District American Legion Convention will be held at post 164 in Stewartville, MN. Please fill out this form and before May 6, 2019 to;

Tammy Theobald  
 Convention Registration  
 610 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
 Stewartville, MN 55976

Please mark the items with an "X" and total up the amount.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre- registration Fee - \$10.00 (registration at the door will be \$12.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday lunch - \$8.00 (Beef Stroganoff, green beans, garlic toast and assorted bars)

Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Make the checks out to "Stewartville American Legion" and send to the address above.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one - **Delegate**    **Alternate**    **Guest**

Place an "X" by your organization and fill out your organization number.

**Legion**\_\_\_\_ **Post #**\_\_\_\_ **Auxiliary**\_\_\_\_ **Unit #** \_\_\_\_\_ **ALR**\_\_\_\_ **Chapter #**\_\_\_\_\_

You must register as a delegate, alternate or guest if you are attending the convention.

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

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## **Hotel information for The First District Convention in Stewartville**

America's Stay Inn in Stewartville ( about 2 blocks from the Legion)

Phone: 507-533-4747 or 1-877- 858-9382

e-mail: americasstayinn@gmail.com

## CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING INFORMATION

If your Post, Unit, Squadron or Legion Riders Chapter is interested in advertising in the First District Convention book, the rates are as follows:

Full Page Ad ----- \$100.00

Half Page Ad ----- \$50.00

Quarter Page Ad ----- \$25.00

Send your information or for more information contact: **Roger Barsness**  
**6130 31st Ave SW**  
**Rochester, MN 55902**  
**Phone 507-250-1265**  
**Email rogerbarsness@aol.com**

He needs your information no later than April 15, 2019 in order to get the book ready and printed before the convention.

## ENDORSEMENTS AND DELEGATE REQUESTS

### Officer Endorsements

Dale Wellik - District Commander  
 Bill Goede - Finance Officer

### Delegate Requests

Mary Hanson  
 Gary Miller  
 Chuck Stone  
 Dale Wellik  
 Myron Ehrich



The Minnesota Leadership at the Washington Conference, Washington DC.

They are attending the Joint House and Senate Hearings on Veterans Affairs.

They are taking our messages to the lawmakers in Washington.

Hello 1st District:

Well are we done with the snow yet? It's going to snow this Friday @ Saturday they say. And more than likely not because it's about time for the basketball play offs and that means a snow storm. Speaking of the snow storms you all really didn't need to save that much I was only in Arizona for a month...

Memberships have been really slow; we need to at least get to where we were at this time last year. We have several rallies coming up both District and State, if you have never been to a District Rally now is your chance, Rushford on March 2, 2019 at 15:00 and is even serving a meal of Pork chops, Baked Pot. Beans for only \$10.00(each), after the rally (Can't beat that) And the next State Rally is the Appreciation Rally in Montgomery at Post 79 on March 9th, 2019 Social at 16:00, Dinner 17:00 program to follow and meals for that one is \$18.00.(each) So get those renewals and new ones in, we very much need them if the Legion is to continue for another 100 Years. And speaking of that has your Post planned anything for the Legions 100 birthday this month better get moving times getting wasted away. And if that's not enough there will be another District Rally in Millville on March 23, 2019.

Also don't forget " Buddy Check" March 11-18,2019. "During Buddy Check week, take time to call on any member or former member who may have lost touch with the post. We need them, and they need us. Honor the vision of our founders by making PERSONAL CONTACT with fellow veterans. Ask them how they are doing. Ask if there is anything The American Legion can do for them. Maybe they have been sick, lost a loved one or just need to know someone cares. Maybe they simply forgot to renew because no one called. This is not a membership campaign. It's a comradeship campaign."

There is a lot going on in March are you ready?..... Also start getting ready for your reports that will be coming due. Like the Consolidated Post Report, fill out hard copy or on line, Officers report as soon as your elections are over get it in, even if it's the same officers the report must go in, and that's just the start of them for spring reporting..

Gary Miller  
1st. Dist. Commander

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

The month of February was a sad one for family, as well as, our community as we lost a WWII veteran from our Post. His name was Leroy "Bud" Miller; he was 96 years old. On June 6, 1944 Bud was on the first wave to storm the Beaches of Normandy. He was wounded July 1944 and earned the Silver Star. Bud was invited to raise the American Flag at a Twins game, which happened to occur on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. What an honor.

One of Bud's sons stated that when watching the movie "Saving Private Ryan" he lasted about 10 minutes into the movie. It brought back too many memories of that day in 1944. Men like Bud come along once in a lifetime. And his generation is slowly passing on. We need to take time to remember those veterans who have gone on before us, and to thank those who are still with us—especially those WWII vets. Post 296 still has one remaining.

When I first joined the American Legion and we fell out for parades and funerals there were WWI, WWII, Korean, and Nam veterans all falling out. Our numbers are slowly declining; it's mostly guys my age in the late 60's and early 70's and we've started to enlist new members from Lebanon/Granada, Panama, and the Gulf Wars. The last couple of years it seems like the younger vets have become more interested in joining the Legion. Maybe they see us getting older and in need of some help. For whatever reason, I give the thanks.

This past month has been a hard one as far as the weather goes with the cold and snow. But if the old adage holds true, March may come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. The seasons change and so do our lives. We don't think about it so much, but every day we are one day closer to being laid to rest. It would be my prayer that I'll meet each of you in heaven. The Bible says the one way to the Father in heaven is through His son, Jesus. If you have not asked Him into your life and heart, do it today. Don't be one day late and miss the opportunity of spending the rest of eternity in heaven.

Till Next Month,  
First District Chaplain - Larry Otto

## FROM AREA ONE

### AREA ONE – VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Hopefully all Posts have survived this amazing amount of snowfall, and have to say, the last time I saw this much snow on the ground was back in 1967. Despite the challenges of driving on snow covered roads, was able to reach a few Posts. I attended the Byron Post #119 E-board meeting and provided a legislative update. For Kellogg Post #546 did appear before the city council for seeking resolution approval naming the city of Kellogg as a Purple Heart city. Also as Wabasha County commander conducted their council meeting with host Mazeppa Post #588. As legislative chair, did attend the Military Action Group (MAG), United Veterans Legislative Council (UVLC) meetings. At the state capital did attend both the Senate and House veterans Affairs committee meetings. Was also asked to testify on a net receipts tax reduction bill for SF 219 (Nelson) and SF 414 (Eichorn) bills which were approved and laid over for the Omnibus Tax bill. Of course as Adjutant for Lake City Post #110 attended various functions for our Post. As Legionnaires be remindful we are veterans helping other veterans and their families when in need of assistance.

Area One Vice Commander - Andru Peters

## FROM AREA TWO

Greetings Legion Family

We have gotten through cold and some snow and still more coming.

The sweet heart rally was good. Thank you to the Legion auxiliary and all that attended from near and far.

Next rally is in Rushford Saturday March 2nd. March 9<sup>th</sup> is the appreciation rally in Montgomery.

March 20th is Veterans Day on the hill. Watch the Legionnaire for the schedule. Let's have a great turnout to show our legislators we are here and what our needs are.

Thank you for all your help working on membership and getting that 100 % that we are all looking for.

I am an endorsed candidate for District commander. I'm looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

Thank our Veterans and those deployed defending our country. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Area two vice commander - Dale Wellik

## FROM AREA FOUR

Hello Comrades,

Sorry for missing the Sweetheart Rally but I and my wife of fifty years were soaking up some sun in Florida in celebration of our anniversary. We missed out on the severe cold weather in favor of 80 degrees and sunshine.

Sorry to say I will also miss the Area Three National Security Rally on March 2<sup>nd</sup> because I have a military funeral to attend as part of the Honor Guard.

I am anticipating attending the Department Family Appreciation Rally at Montgomery Post 79 on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

As a bonified Ground Hog being born on February 2<sup>nd</sup> I am disappointed in the weather. So much for Ground Hogs.

Remember to thank our men and women veterans!

Rollie Hanson Area 4 Vice Commander



Commander Redepenning addressing the Legion Family members at the Sweetheart rally in Royalton.

Updates from the State Capital activities this past month

With the release of the Governor’s FY 2020-21 Budget, for the Gambling Control Board, information of interest. Minnesota ranks #1 in the US for charitable gambling. Lawful gambling gross receipts for FY 2018 brought in \$2 billion, of which licensed organizations realized only \$81 million to support their missions in FY 2018. The state collected \$74 million in charitable gambling taxes for 2018. As legislative chair, it is important the American Legion continues to lobby for gambling tax exemption for all of our sponsored charitable events.

The following Senate File Tax Committee bills on the Gambling Tax initiatives were submitted, discussed this FY 2019 and were laid over for inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The following bills were submitted and discussed in the Tax Committee meeting. Al Lund, Executive Director, Allied Charities testified on all seven (7) bills. I testified on SF 219 (Nelson (26) – Rochester) and SF 414 (Eichorn (5) – Grand Rapids).

**ACTION:** All seven (7) bills were “Laid over possible inclusion in the omnibus bill”

**SF 219 (Nelson)/HF 69 (Dettmer)** – inserted wording, pertaining to gross receipts, less the amounts actually expended for lawful purpose contributions under section 349.12, Subd. 25, para (a), Clauses (1) to 97) and (9) to (26). The computed tax table remain unchanged.

**SF 371 (Koran)/HF 293 (Lien, Dettmer)** – reduces the computed tax from 9% to 6% for <\$87,000; for >\$87,500, computed tax of \$7,875 from 18% to 12% of that amount. Subd 6, (b) the tax table was eliminated.

**SF 414 (Eichorn)/HF none (TBD)** – inserted wording to expand deductions . . . “less the amounts actually expended for lawful purpose contributions”; and also deletes all references as to the tax table for the four rate schedules.

**SF 437 (Anderson)/HF 294 (Dettmer)** – allows for tangible personal property to be awarded as prizes in connection with lawful gambling. Also removes the provision for sales tax on the sale of pull tabs and tip boards imposed on the retail sales price,

**SF 549 (Rund)/HF none (TBD)** – allows for lawful gambling flat rate tax and combined net receipts tax rates reduction.

**SF 578 (Draheim)/ HF (None)** – reduces the computed tax from 9% to 6% for <\$87,500; for >\$87,500, computed tax of \$5.250 from 18% to 12% of that amount. Subd 6, (b) the tax table was eliminated.

**SF 549 (Ruud, Senjum)/ HF 81 (Lueck)** – reduces the computed tax rate from 8.5% to 4.25% of gross receipts; the rate schedule changes are the first \$200,000 a rate at 4.5%; >\$200.00 but <\$500,000 a rate at 9%; and >\$500,000 at a rate of 13.5%. Subd 6, (b) the tax table was eliminated.

District One Legislative Chair Andru Peters is seen testifying on Senator Carla Nelson (26), Rochester; Combined Net Receipts Tax Adjustment Bill, SF 219 in the Senate Tax Committee meeting at the State Capital.



On February 25, 2019 made a presentation before the Military Action Group (MAG) regarding the six (6) combined net receipts gambling tax bill adjustments. Goal is to combine the six bills into one gambling tax reduction bill achieving the lowest tax assessment of 4.5% of total net receipts. Also will seek a long term goal of federally chartered veteran’s organizations to be exempt from all taxes and fees imposed on the organizations.

Respectively submitted  
Andru Peters  
Andru Peters

**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.**

First District 2019 membership report for 2/27/2019 Bulletin # 35

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	573	524	0	524	91.45%	49	2/20/2019
90	LEWISTON	72	71	0	71	98.61%	1	2/13/2019
190	ST CHARLES	146	133	0	133	91.10%	13	1/30/2019
<b>WINONA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>791</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>92.04%</b>	<b>63</b>	
50	WABASHA	230	220	0	220	95.65%	10	2/13/2019
110	LAKE CITY	144	146	0	146	101.39%	-2	2/20/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	186	164	1	165	88.71%	21	2/27/2019
546	KELLOGG	67	63	0	63	94.03%	4	1/9/2019
573	ELGIN	32	23	0	23	71.88%	9	1/9/2019
579	MILLVILLE	145	184	0	184	126.90%	-39	1/16/2019
588	MAZEPPA	74	69	2	71	95.95%	3	2/27/2019
<b>WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>878</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>99.32%</b>	<b>6</b>	
92	ROCHESTER	938	816	2	818	87.21%	120	2/27/2019
119	BYRON	150	122	0	122	81.33%	28	1/9/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	290	284	1	285	98.28%	5	2/27/2019
446	ROCHESTER	18	13	0	13	72.22%	5	11/28/2018
551	EYOTA	184	175	0	175	95.11%	9	2/20/2019
<b>OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1580</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1413</b>	<b>89.43%</b>	<b>167</b>	
<b>AREA ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>3249</b>	<b>3007</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3013</b>	<b>92.74%</b>	<b>236</b>	
295	WEST CONCORD	60	48	0	48	80.00%	12	1/9/2019
330	HAYFIELD	215	192	2	194	90.23%	21	2/27/2019
333	KASSON	260	245	1	246	94.62%	14	2/27/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	81	68	0	68	83.95%	13	2/13/2019
422	CLAREMONT	32	29	0	29	90.63%	3	1/9/2019
<b>DODGE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>648</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>90.28%</b>	<b>63</b>	
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	107	93	0	93	86.92%	14	1/30/2019
77	OWATONNA	510	446	16	462	90.59%	48	2/27/2019
296	ELLENDALE	34	35	0	35	102.94%	-1	12/12/2018
<b>STEELE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>651</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>90.63%</b>	<b>61</b>	
75	NEW RICHLAND	54	54	2	56	103.70%	-2	2/27/2019
228	WASECA	320	302	0	302	94.38%	18	2/20/2019
281	JANESVILLE	99	92	0	92	92.93%	7	2/20/2019
587	WALDORF	25	26	0	26	104.00%	-1	1/9/2019
<b>WASECA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>498</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>95.58%</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>AREA TWO TOTALS</b>		<b>1797</b>	<b>1630</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1651</b>	<b>91.88%</b>	<b>146</b>	
40	LANESBORO	106	108	0	108	101.89%	-2	2/20/2019
68	SPRING VALLEY	82	74	0	74	90.24%	8	1/9/2019
81	HARMONY	34	28	0	28	82.35%	6	12/12/2018
94	RUSHFORD	121	124	0	124	102.48%	-3	1/9/2019
166	PRESTON	68	66	0	66	97.06%	2	1/16/2019
197	CHATFIELD	51	49	0	49	96.08%	2	1/9/2019
299	MABEL	177	151	0	151	85.31%	26	1/16/2019
369	WYKOFF	19	17	0	17	89.47%	2	11/21/2018
400	CANTON	13	19	0	19	146.15%	-6	1/9/2019
492	FOUNTAIN	16	14	0	14	87.50%	2	10/17/2018
526	PETERSON	39	35	0	35	89.74%	4	1/9/2019
544	OSTRANDER	28	21	0	21	75.00%	7	2/13/2019
637	WHALEN	14	13	0	13	92.86%	1	9/19/2018
<b>FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>768</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>93.62%</b>	<b>49</b>	

191	CALEDONIA	164	151	1	152	92.68%	12	2/27/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	159	139	0	139	87.42%	20	2/20/2019
423	HOUSTON	116	107	1	108	93.10%	8	2/27/2019
498	HOKAH	21	20	0	20	95.24%	1	2/13/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	320	267	0	267	83.44%	53	2/20/2019
<b>HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>780</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>87.95%</b>	<b>94</b>	
<b>AREA THREE TOTALS</b>		<b>1548</b>	<b>1403</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1405</b>	<b>90.76%</b>	<b>143</b>	
56	ALBERT LEA	627	552	0	552	88.04%	75	2/20/2019
264	GLENVILLE	82	77	0	77	93.90%	5	2/13/2019
266	HARTLAND	16	15	0	15	93.75%	1	9/12/2018
317	EMMONS	63	54	0	54	85.71%	9	1/9/2019
404	ALDEN	113	89	0	89	78.76%	24	1/16/2019
552	FREEBORN	39	33	0	33	84.62%	6	2/13/2019
<b>FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>940</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>87.23%</b>	<b>120</b>	
91	AUSTIN	547	472	4	476	87.02%	71	2/27/2019
105	LYLE	90	84	0	84	93.33%	6	1/9/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	49	41	0	41	83.67%	8	1/9/2019
146	ADAMS	214	182	0	182	85.05%	32	2/13/2019
161	LEROY	62	47	1	48	77.42%	14	2/27/2019
570	AUSTIN SPAM	7	9	0	9	128.57%	-2	10/31/2018
<b>MOWER COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>969</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>86.69%</b>	<b>129</b>	
<b>AREA FOUR TOTALS</b>		<b>1909</b>	<b>1655</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1660</b>	<b>86.96%</b>	<b>249</b>	
1111	DAKOTA	50	0	0	0	0.00%	50	8/1/2018
<b>DISTRICT ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>8553</b>	<b>7695</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7729</b>	<b>90.37%</b>	<b>824</b>	

AREA	VICE	COMMANDERS							
AREA ONE			3249	3007	6	3013	92.74%	236	
AREA TWO			1797	1630	21	1651	91.88%	146	
AREA THREE			1548	1403	2	1405	90.76%	143	
AREA FOUR			1909	1655	5	1660	86.96%	249	

District	Percentage	
District 3	92.35%	1st
District 6	91.51%	2nd
District 5	90.98%	3rd
District 2	90.62%	4th
District 7	90.61%	5th
District 1	90.37%	6th
District 10	90.11%	7th
District 9	90.03%	8th
District 4	89.83%	9th
District 8	89.27%	10th
At Large	89.75%	

Unfortunately we fell a few spots this week. We are currently in 6<sup>th</sup> place however we are only a few members out of 2<sup>nd</sup> place. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place are all separated by less than 0.6% so let get out there and have a great turn in at the Rally on Saturday in Rushford.

Also 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place are separated by less than 0.5% so this race is very tight.

I would like to congratulate the 9 posts that are over goal.

Now for those of us that are not at goal we have 4 posts that only need 1 member, 4 posts that only need 2 members and there are 6 more posts that need 5 or less members.

Lets get out there and talk to our members and get this done.

Thank you all for the work you have done and I know we can do this

First District Membership Director - Gary Weaver

**PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR BLOOD REPORT AND SEND TO MYRON EHRICH AT  
220 Irvin St - West Concord, MN 55985**

(should have received yours in a Department mailing)

**2019 AMERICAN LEGION  
POST BLOOD DONATION REQUEST**

TO: Post Adjutants or Post Blood Chairman

This report is for dates January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Please answer the following questions and return by May 1, 2019 to your District Blood Chairman.

1. Number of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members donating blood during this time period \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Total number units of blood donated by Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members during this time period \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Did your Post sponsor a Bloodmobile/Blood drive? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.  
If yes, total of units donated through your efforts \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Are these totals estimated? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Total Units of Blood Donations \_\_\_\_\_

Please take the time to fill this out and get credit for what your Post is doing. Also, please fill in the Blood Donor Program section on the yearly Consolidated Post Report. Last year it was item 14 & 15 under National Security.

POST NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

POST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO DISTRICT BLOOD CHAIRMAN BY MAY 1, 2019.  
CHAIRMAN ARE LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.**

## OPTIONAL PAGE

This is an optional second page of the blood program report. Please fill out this page if the number of units of blood has, or could in the future, increase. Keep in mind that, with all the injured service men and women coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan, we will need more blood.

Does your Post participate in a blood program?    YES \_\_\_\_\_    NO \_\_\_\_\_

If so, do you think an additional drive  
per year (or more) would be possible?    YES \_\_\_\_\_    NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not, would you be interested in  
starting a new location?    YES \_\_\_\_\_    NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not, would you be interested in helping  
with a drive in your community? (Such  
as providing space for the drive or helping  
with the refreshments)    YES \_\_\_\_\_    NO \_\_\_\_\_

A suggestion for any Post/Unit/SAL that is interested in some expansion of their activity would be to contact the County Health Nurse. Also let your District Blood Program Chairman know of your interest.

# FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello Members of the 1st District Auxiliary  
February was definitely the month of the snow; I hope you are all safe. I am hoping for an early spring.

We are getting close to the end of this year and our District Convention is right around the corner. We have many wonderful members that would be wonderful in officer positions for our district. If you are interested or if you know someone who would be an officer or a program chairman please let me know and I will forward the information to our nominating committee. I am happy to answer any questions concerning the positions and duties.

Shout out to all of the membership chairmen for working so hard we are in 4th place in the state as of the last Department report. We are having a rally on March 2nd at the Rushford Post starting at 3:00 pm come out and bring memberships to turn in and visit with your District officers.

Thank you for your work with and for our Veterans.

First District Auxiliary President - Michelle Weaver



The members of the Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary centennial planning committee meeting at the Sweetheart Rally in Royalton, MN

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA



9 AM – 2 PM

\$10.00 Pre-Registration includes coffee, donut/roll, lunch & course handouts

*Presented by  
Dee Dee Buckley, Department Leadership Chairman  
Robin Dorf, Department Membership Chairman  
Cheryl Nymann, Department Public Relations Chairman*

- January 19<sup>th</sup>** Little Falls American Legion Post #46  
108 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
*(Pre-register by Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>)*
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>** Thief River Falls American Legion Post #117  
324 Brooks Avenue  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701  
*(Pre-register by Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>)*
- March 9<sup>th</sup>** Waseca American Legion Post #228  
700 S State Street  
Waseca, MN 56093  
*(Pre-register by Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>)*

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*Cut and return this portion to: Dee Dee Buckley, 1666 Oakcrest Ave, Roseville MN 55113 along with \$10 registration fee.  
Make checks payable to Dee Dee Buckley*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ January 19<sup>th</sup> Little Falls  
 \_\_\_\_\_ February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thief River Falls  
 \_\_\_\_\_ March 9<sup>th</sup> - Waseca



## 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 16, 2019 at the Owatonna American Legion, 137 Broadway St West, Owatonna, MN 55060 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 9:30 AM. Honorary Junior President, Kassy Betterman 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 Chair-woman, Tonia Betterman by the time of the 1st District Junior Conference. You may bring them with you that day.

2019 Department Poppy Contest entries may be brought the day of the Conference.

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

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

### **Poppy Centerpiece Contest**

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy centerpiece using Honorary Department Junior President Harley's theme: "Juniors Working Their Magic for Veterans".

### **Poppy Accessories Contest**

To the Junior member in each class with the best Poppy jewelry or accessory using Honorary Department Junior President Harley's theme: "Juniors Working Their Magic for Veterans".

### **Poppy Memorial Day Wreath**

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

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

To the Junior member in each class with the Poppy Junior Membership Recruitment Board using Honorary Department Junior President Harley's theme: "Juniors Working Their Magic for Veterans".

### **Poster Board**

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

All poppies must have the white tags removed.

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

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

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

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

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

# Girls State

The 73<sup>rd</sup> session of Minnesota Girls State will be held June 9-15, 2019 at Bethel University in St. Paul. The Girls State citizens will arrive on Sunday and leave on Saturday morning before noon.

The school mailing was scheduled to be sent to principals just after Christmas. The schools are aware that units will be contacting them to set up an appointment to meet with potential candidates from the Junior class to attend the 2019 ALA MN Girls State session. Please read all of the information provided so that you are aware of the eligibility and qualifications required.

There is no limit to the number of citizens any Unit may send to Girls State. The reservation cost remains at \$300 per citizen. If there are no high schools in your community, please consider sponsoring or co-sponsoring a girl(s) from the Junior class in a neighboring community.

What can your Unit do to raise funds to send a girl to Minnesota Girls State? Here are a few suggestions:

Units may hold different types of fundraising events

Charitable Gambling funds may be used for the registration fee only. If used, please make checks payable to: The American Legion Foundation, Fund 83.

Donations can be received from local businesses and/or community organizations. Their checks need to be made out to your Unit and then your Unit sends a check to the Department office for the registration fee.

Ask your American Legion Post or Sons of The American Legion Squadron to sponsor a girl or girls by writing a check to the American Legion Auxiliary.

A resolution was passed at the 2011 Department Convention that stated that monies sent for registrations not used to sponsor a girl to Girls State would be placed into a "Girls State Reservation Fee Fund". This fund is available for any unit to use **one time every 3 years on a "first come-first serve" basis**. If your Unit has a girl who is interested in attending and you do not have enough funds to reserve a place for her, consider applying to the Department Office in writing to request these funds.

Reservations are due by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** accompanied by your check. Once your Unit has submitted your reservation and payment of \$300.00 per girl, you will be sent a Reservation Packet. This packet will be sent to the name listed on the Reservation Form. The paperwork included in this packet has due dates listed which must be followed. It is important that you read the Reservation Packet thoroughly before you share it with your citizen. Please remember there are **NO** late arrivals and **NO** early dismissals. The 2019 Girls State session begins promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and ends on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> morning just before lunch.

The name(s) and email address of your citizen(s) are due to the Department office by **May 1, 2019**.

There are plans to have a Package Deal of items from the Shirt Shack at Girls State. We are currently finalizing this and will have the information posted on the website soon and it will also be in the March unit mailing.

Please see the included brochure and registration form for more information.

Tara Goede  
District Girls State Chairman

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
GIRLS STATE HISTORY**

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program, first presented in the late 1930s, is one of the most respected experiential learning programs in the United States. Guided by the principle "For God and Country," the program epitomizes the ALA's mission to honor those who have brought us our freedom by continuing to train young women to be leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. ALA Girls State participants become extremely knowledgeable about the democratic process and how our republic works at the state and national levels.

About 16,000 young women participate in weeklong ALA Girls State programs across the nation each summer that teach government from the city to state level. Using a nonpartisan curriculum, participants assume the roles of government leaders, campaigning as "Federalists" and "Nationalists" to become elected officials in their mock ALA Girls States. During the immersive learning program, delegates live in "cities" in a dormitory at Bethel University. The knowledge, memories, and friendships they take home last a lifetime.

ALA Girls State has been heralded by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and has been placed on the National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
MINNESOTA GIRLS STATE  
OBJECTIVES**

- ★ To develop leadership and pride as American citizens
- ★ To educate citizens about our system of government
- ★ To instill a greater understanding of Americanism
- ★ To stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government processes

ALA Minnesota Girls State encourages the citizen's creativity and fellowship with one another.

**"Veterans Are Our Stars and Our Heroes"**

is the theme for the year 2018 – 2019 for the ALA Department (State) President Jean Walker.



**American Legion Auxiliary  
Minnesota Girls State Committee**

Peggy Tesdahl . . . . . Girls State Director  
Amelia Tesdahl . . . . . Education Director  
Mary Kuperus . . . . . Girls State Chairman  
Lesley Christoffer . . . Girls State Committee  
Kelli Frederickson . . . Girls State Committee  
Bethany Dickert . . . Americanism Chairman  
Jean Walker . . . . . State ALA President

# 73rd Annual



*A premier program  
in citizenship for  
young women*

**June 9-15, 2019**

**Bethel University**



### *American Legion Auxiliary*

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 State Veterans Service Building  
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 Toll Free 1-888-217-9598  
 Email - [deptoffice@mnals.org](mailto:deptoffice@mnals.org)

## APPLICATION FOR RESERVATION AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MINNESOTA GIRLS STATE

Return by **MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>** to:

American Legion Auxiliary - Department of Minnesota  
 State Veterans Service Building  
 20 W. 12th St. - Room 314  
 St. Paul, MN 55155

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Location (city) \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

1. How many girls is your Unit sponsoring to Girls State? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of the High School(s) you are sponsoring a girl(s) from \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Amount of reservation check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (\$300.00 per girl)  
*NOTE: Checks should be made payable to: ALA Dept. of MN unless you are using gambling funds.  
 Checks from American Legion Gambling Funds should be made payable to: American Legion  
 Foundation and earmark for Fund 83. Checks from Auxiliary Gambling funds should be made  
 payable to: American Legion Auxiliary Dept of MN.*

**Please note:** There are no restrictions limiting the number of girls a Unit may sponsor to Girls State from the same high school. Consider sponsorship of a citizen from outside your Unit/area.

Upon receipt of your Unit's reservation fee(s), your space will be reserved for this year's session and your Unit will receive an information packet and the forms needed to register each Girls State citizen you are sponsoring. **If registering more than one girl, you will receive a packet for each girl.**

**Information of Unit Member the citizen packet(s) should be sent to:**

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

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Position in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only:** Citizen Reg. Form \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment Form \_\_\_\_\_  
 GS Pledge \_\_\_\_\_ Waiver & Consent Form \_\_\_\_\_ Media Consent Form \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Info \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Assigned \_\_\_\_\_ County Assigned \_\_\_\_\_ Building \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left	
	9 Winona	181		0	106	58.56%	75	
	90 Lewiston	42		0	34	80.95%	8	
	190 St Charles	81		0	49	60.49%	32	
	50 Wabasha	142		0	100	70.42%	42	
	110 Lake City	88		0	64	72.73%	24	
	179 Plainview	185		0	116	62.70%	69	
	546 Kellogg	141		0	111	78.72%	30	
	573 Elgin	24		0	17	70.83%	7	
	579 Millville	50		0	52	104.00%	-2	
	588 Mazeppa	54		0	36	66.67%	18	
	92 Rochester	183		0	119	65.03%	64	
	119 Byron	95		0	74	77.89%	21	
	164 Stewartville	188		0	164	87.23%	24	
	551 Eyota	109		0	78	71.56%	31	
<b>Pod One Total</b>		<b>1563</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>71.66%</b>	<b>443</b>
	295 West Concord	37		0	30	81.08%	7	
	330 Hayfield	198		0	146	73.74%	52	
	333 Kasson	151		0	121	80.13%	30	
	384 Dodge Center	81		0	73	90.12%	8	
	422 Claremont	22		0	20	90.91%	2	
	52 Blooming Prairie	118		0	100	84.75%	18	
	77 Owatonna	138		0	104	75.36%	34	
	75 New Richland	66		0	47	71.21%	19	
	228 Waseca	237		0	218	91.98%	19	
	587 Waldorf	30		0	16	53.33%	14	
<b>Pod Two Totals</b>		<b>1078</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>81.17%</b>	<b>203</b>
	40 Lanesboro	104		0	85	81.73%	19	
	68 Spring Valley	47		0	41	87.23%	6	
	81 Harmony	53		0	44	83.02%	9	
	94 Rushford	78		0	43	55.13%	35	
	197 Chatfield	40		0	31	77.50%	9	
	299 Mabel	139		0	98	70.50%	41	
	369 Wykoff	17		0	16	94.12%	1	
	526 Peterson	38		0	39	102.63%	-1	
	544 Ostrander	18		0	14	77.78%	4	
	637 Whalen	25		0	21	84.00%	4	
	191 Caledonia	79		0	74	93.67%	5	
	249 Spring Grove	144		0	112	77.78%	32	
	423 Houston	144		0	117	81.25%	27	
	498 Hokah	21		0	17	80.95%	4	
	595 LaCrescent	233		0	153	65.67%	80	
<b>Pod Three Totals</b>		<b>1180</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>76.69%</b>	<b>275</b>
	56 Albert Lea	342		0	262	76.61%	80	
	264 Glenville	111		0	81	72.97%	30	
	404 Alden	49		0	34	69.39%	15	
	552 Freeborn	65		0	59	90.77%	6	
	91 Austin	169		0	119	70.41%	50	
	105 Lyle	55		0	51	92.73%	4	
	140 Grand Meadow	79		0	58	73.42%	21	
	146 Adams	148		0	117	79.05%	31	
	161 Leroy	68		0	36	52.94%	32	
<b>Pod Four Totals</b>		<b>1086</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>75.23%</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>4907</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3717</b>	<b>75.75%</b>	<b>1190</b>

## FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Way to go Membership Chairs! As of 2/21/19 Membership Bulletin from Department, we have moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> place with 75.75% ! Thank you to all! There are 19 Units that have 80% or better turned in!

Just keep turning in, every membership counts!

Thank you our Membership Team for all their hard work!

Wanda Prescher  
Membership Chair

### **POPPY—March 2019**

To all members, including Legionairres, SAL & riders:

I am attaching the department chairman guidelines for Poppy. It is my hope you have contacted your schools and have our younger generation working on Poppy Poster Contests. It is my hope we have more than 2 units participating this year!

If you haven't been to your schools yet, go there now! Have them start working on the project and then get them back to me so I can forward them to the Department Chairman Sharon Barnes.

Department Sharon states, "I have to have the posters in to NW Division by June 1st. So I should probably have all sent to me by May 15th. Let everyone you know--know."

Shaaron Barnes

I would hope you request them into you early enough to have them judged in the unit and sent to me, the district; so we have results by District Convention. You may also need them by the time you fill out the annual report so use your discretion.

I also want to announce these same items will be used for District Convention poppy contest. They then can be used for department competition. I would like to add a poppy corsage contest---small corsage if possible. These could then be kept and used for certain events of the district. **Prizes will be given as stated in the trophy and award listing and what district has budgeted for. Please read the district standing rules for the contest and all of our programs!**

"Veterans Are Our Star's and Heroes" and remember our District Michelle has the Poppy as her symbol this year.

Let's make her and the first District proud in representing what the poppy means and stands for. Any questions please contact me [dsfredrick@gmail.com](mailto:dsfredrick@gmail.com) or call 507-448-3438. Do keep in mind I also have the "poppy" pin available for \$7.00. Profits are 2fold---President Michelle's District Project---Girl's State. What a great way to promote both of our programs----Girl's State and Poppy!  
District chairman,



Sandy Fredrickson

## PLAQUES AND AWARDS

### PROGRAM - POPPY - Shaaron Barnes, Chairman

All entries are to be sent to the Department Chairman— Shaaron Barnes  
(Address list included with instructions)

#### DEPARTMENT AWARDS

##### Vanlandingham Poppy Plaque

**Award Criteria:** To the Unit with the best program on using the Poppy all year.

**Award Guidelines:** Reports must be typewritten, in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. Please include a copy of the annual report form. The report should cover all areas of emphasis And any relevant information involving program activity and describing your use of the poppy throughout the year. DO NOT include pictures or clippings, scrapbooks or folders. Entries must include the name of the Department & Unit, along with the name & address of the Unit Chairman. The winner will be forwarded to Division Chairman for the Unit Poppy Competition.

**Award:** Plaque, presented at Department Convention

##### Poppy Poster Contest

**Award Criteria:** Units will sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups, including Junior members, may participate under direct supervision of the Unit

\* The contest shall have seven classes

Class I: Grades 2 & 3

Class IV: Grades 8 & 9

Class II: Grades 4 & 5

Class V: Grades 10 & 11

Class III: Grades 6 & 7

Class VI: Grade 12

Class VII: Students with special needs as defined as:

- \* Those in special education classes
- \* A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
- \* A child identified as having s disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities, Identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.

\* Poppy Poster Requirements:

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- a. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles— “a”, “and”, “an”, “the” - are not to be counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.
- b. The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10 word count.
- c. East Poster must include a picture of the red Flanders Field poppy.
- d. The Department shall determine the closing date for the unit contest.  
The poster shall be on 11x14” poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted)
- e. The United States Flag may be used as long as there are no infarctions of the Flag code.
- f. Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
  - 50% - Poster appeal (lay out, message, originality)
  - 40% - artistic ability (design and color)
  - 10% - - neatness
- g. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint.  
Handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers.
- h. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class, in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
- i. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians’ grant non - exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.
- J. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
- K. The label “IN Memoriam” from the veteran—made poppy may not be used.

## MISS POPPY CONTEST

**Award Criteria:** Little Miss Poppy - Ages 6 - 12

**Award Guidelines:**

- \* Participant must be between 6 and 12 years of age and be a Jr member in good standing of The American Legion Auxiliary.
- \* Promotional activity of the Poppy story must occur through the American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and the community.
- \* Selection of Little Miss Poppy is at the discretion of the unit.
- \* For National Little Miss Poppy consideration, participant must submit a Little Miss Poppy scrapbook (8 1/2” x 11”) containing photographs and clippings illustrating how she promoted the American Legion Auxiliary poppy in her department. Only those scrapbooks that contain a self-addressed envelope with postage will be returned. Although every effort will be made to return the scrapbook, accidents do happen, so all entrants must allow for that risk.
- \* Criteria for judging Little Miss Scrapbook entries:
  - a) Costume (there is no specific dress code or particular color for Miss Poppy).
  - b) Promotion of the poppy program: What did you share and do?
  - c) Publicity of poppy activities (newspapers, radio/TV, ect.).
  - d) Narrative report on “What I Have Learned Being Little Miss Poppy.”
  - e) Essay on “Memorial Poppy” not to exceed 100 words.

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- f) The memorial poppy must be visible in all promotion and publicity submitted.
  - g) Neatness and creativity.
  - h) Cover page to include member name, unit name, state, age division and year.
  - i) Judging scale should be 1 through 10 for each area of judging for entire entry.
- \* The Little Miss Poppy ( age 6—12) winner will be invited to appear at the ALA National Convention, immediately following her selection, and if she so chooses, will travel at her own expense.
- a. Winners of the National Little Miss Poppy contest each will receive a citation plaque.
- \* Please follow department guidelines for submitting entries.
- a. If the poppy scrapbook is to be returned, members must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Although every effort will be made to return the scrapbook, accidents do happen so all entrants must allow for that risk.
- \*\* The Department winners in each class will be forwarded to National for competition.

#### DEPARTMENT CONVENTION POPPY CONTEST.

**Award Criteria:**                      **Potted Plant or terrarium**

**Award Guideline**

Must use Department President's Jean's theme "Veteran's Are Our Stars and Heroes).

**Award Criteria**                      **Stuffed Animal**

Must use Department President's Jean's theme "Veteran's Are Our Star's and Heroes") and the poppy.

Both contests are open to all Auxiliary members. All entries must include a card in an envelope containing your name, Unit number, District number and location. Small or large poppies may be used with the white tags removed. Voting for People's Choice will be by donation, with the funds going to the Department President's Projects. Those who choose to donate their entries, will be donated to a veteran.

**Award:** Cash prizes for each contest will be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$25.00
- 2nd place - \$20.00
- 3rd place - \$15.00
- 4th place - \$15.00
- People's Choice - \$10.00

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## NATIONL AWARDS

### A. POPPY POSTER CONTEST

\* See Department Awards - same rules apply

### B. NATIONAL MISS POPPY CONTEST: LITTLE MISS POPPY (AGES 6-12)

\* See Department Awards - same rules apply

### C. UNIT AWARDS; MOST OUTSTANDING UNIT POPPY PROGRAM

\* Award: Citation Plaque

\* Presented to: One unit in each division (5) announced by the National Poppy committee at the pre—convention meeting.

\* Materials and guidelines:

a. The entry must be typewritten in narrative format not to exceed 1,00 words.

b. The report should cover all areas of emphasis and any relevant information involving program activity and describing your use of the poppy throughout the year.

### D. DEPARTMENT AWARD; BEST POPPY PROGRAM

\* Award: Citation

\* Presented to: One Department in each division (5) announced by the National Poppy Committee at the pre—convention meeting.

\* Materials and guidelines:

a. The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.

B. The report should cover all areas of emphasis and any relevant information involving Program activity and describing your use of the poppy throughout the year.



Above; Members of the Adams Post 146 American Legion being presented with a Valentines dinner by the Adams Unit 146 Jr Auxiliary members .

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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### MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Sons of The American Legion;

February has been very unpredictable with the weather and I think I speak for a lot of us when I say that we have had enough snow.

Membership: As of the last bulletin on February 13<sup>th</sup> we are at 78.47% which puts us in 4<sup>th</sup> place within the Detachment. We are doing great with membership but know is the time of year where the renewals are getting harder to come by. Please make sure that you are doing everything within your Squadron to make sure that you are getting every last membership possible.

Remember that we as a District are not successful if the Squadrons are not successful. If you need any help at all please feel free to reach out to me or any officer for assistance.

Speaking of officers, as my year is starting to wind down I would like to take a moment to thank YOUR District Leadership team for everything that they do thought the year. I am merely the face of the District and cannot do my job well without a great team. When you see the following people at a Membership Rally, Convention or any Legion Family function, be sure and thank them for a job well done this year; Vice Commander Ron Wolff, Vice Commander Jeremiah Oeltjen, Finance Officer Bill Goede, Adjutant Dave Bilderback, Chaplain Greg Lemmer, Sgt- at- Arms Dennis Lewison, and SAL Advisor Brian Medinnus. These are the people that make sure we as a District keep moving forward as we look to the future.

Speaking of looking forward to the future, The District Convention is only two months away in Stewartville and so far I have only heard of two people who have been endorsed for Finance Officer. There are other positions as well and if you think you would like to take a position, or know someone who would do well, please contact me. We are currently working on putting together a list of what each position entails as far as duties. This will be brought up at the District Convention. I will not be running for District Commander.

If you have not done so and intend on going to the First District Family Testimonial on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Eyota, please make sure to send your information to Gary Weaver so that we can have a head count and please try to attend so that we can have as many people as possible there to help celebrate District Commander Gary, District President Michelle, District ALR Director Roe, myself and Honorary Junior President Kassy's year as YOUR District Leadership Team.

I will have more in my next newsletter about Child Welfare as not much has changed from my last newsletter article. As always, please keep all our service personal in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tim Weaver - First District SAL Commander

## SAL OFFICER ENDOREMENTS

Gittens-Leidel Squadron 595  
Sons of the American Legion

Gittens-Leidel Squadron 595, Sons of the American Legion, are proud to endorse William Goede for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> District, Sons of the American Legion Finance Officer.

Bill is a Charter member of our Squadron. Bill has been active in the 1st District, he has served as Judge Advocate and Finance Officer.

Thru his own service he is a member of Plainview American Legion Post 179, where he has served in many capacities. Bill has been active on the District level as well currently serving as District Finance Officer. Bill is also currently the Department Finance Officer and is a Past Department Commander. Bill has also served on the National Level.

Bill has been a capable leader in Plainview Legion activities as well as for other organizations. We are confident that he will continue to do an excellent job as 1<sup>st</sup> District SAL Finance Officer.

Gary L. Weaver

Adjutant

Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 595

Waseca Squadron #228 proudly endorses Ron Wolff as a candidate for Treasurer of the 1st District Sons of The American Legion. Ron has held all offices in the Squadron and is currently the Treasurer for the Waseca County Avenue of Flags. He is also a Past 1<sup>st</sup> District Commander and Past Detachment Commander. We know that with all Ron's experience he will do a great job for the District.

Please join us in supporting Ron as a candidate for this position.

For God and Country

Roger Ockwig

Commander Waseca Squadron #228

## SAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2/13/2019

SQUAD	LOCATION	GOAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	79	79	0	79	100.00%	0	2/13/2019
40	LANESBORO	60	55	3	58	96.67%	2	2/13/2019
50	WABASHA	9	6	0	6	66.67%	3	2/13/2019
90	LEWISTON	45	46	0	46	102.22%	-1	2/13/2019
92	ROCHESTER	131	100	0	100	76.34%	31	2/13/2019
94	RUSHFORD	46	0	19	19	41.30%	27	2/13/2019
119	BYRON	37	34	0	34	91.89%	3	2/13/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	109	59	0	59	54.13%	50	2/13/2019
166	PRESTON	42	39	0	39	92.86%	3	2/13/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	16	4	6	10	62.50%	6	2/13/2019
190	ST CHARLES	10	0	5	5	50.00%	5	2/13/2019
191	CALEDONIA	1	0	0	0	0.00%	1	2/13/2018
249	SPRING GROVE	1	2	0	2	200.00%	-1	2/13/2019
299	MABEL	26	0	0	0	0.00%	26	2/13/2019
423	HOUSTON	1	0	0	0	0.00%	1	2/13/2019
546	KELLOGG	22	19	0	19	86.36%	3	2/13/2019
551	EYOTA	42	26	4	30	71.43%	12	2/13/2019
573	ELGIN	1	1	0	1	100.00%	0	2/13/2019
579	MILLVILLE	29	25	0	25	86.21%	4	2/13/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	69	27	0	27	39.13%	42	2/13/2019
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		776	0	0	559	72.04%	217	2/13/2019
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	40	39	0	39	97.50%	1	2/13/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	139	89	15	104	74.82%	35	2/13/2019
75	NEW RICHLAND	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	2/13/2019
77	OWATONNA	140	100	8	108	77.14%	32	2/13/2019
91	AUSTIN	70	45	18	63	90.00%	7	2/13/2019
105	LYLE	33	1	0	1	3.03%	32	2/13/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	11	0	0	0	0.00%	11	2/13/2019
146	ADAMS	134	55	0	55	41.04%	79	2/13/2019
161	LEROY	49	38	0	38	77.55%	11	2/13/2019
228	WASECA	130	98	0	98	75.38%	32	2/13/2019
264	GLENVILLE	39	37	6	43	110.26%	-4	2/13/2019
266	HARTLAND	13	11	0	11	84.62%	2	2/13/2019
281	JANESVILLE	8	0	0	0	0.00%	8	2/13/2019
317	EMMONS	14	1	0	1	7.14%	13	2/13/2019
330	HAYFIELD	34	32	2	34	100.00%	0	2/13/2019
333	KASSON	33	39	0	39	118.18%	-6	2/13/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	11	6	0	6	54.55%	5	2/13/2019
404	ALDEN	61	34	15	49	80.33%	12	2/13/2019
552	FREEBORN	30	26	2	28	93.33%	2	2/13/2019
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		992	0	66	717	72.28%	275	2/13/2019
1111	DAKOTA	83	56	0	56	67.47%	27	2/13/2019
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		1849	0	0	1451	78.47%	398	2/13/2019

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**All You can Eat Pancake Breakfast**  
 Every Sunday 9am -12pm \$8.00 at the Door

Breakfast includes Eggs, Sausage, your choice of Orange Juice or Milk & Bottomless Pancakes

Proceeds going to help Veterans in need

American Legion Post 91  
 809 12th St SW Austin, Mn



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

**GUN RAFFLE**

1<sup>ST</sup> - SF 1911 MILITARY SPEC 5" BARREL 5<sup>TH</sup> - SAVAGE AXIS 270  
 2<sup>ND</sup> - MB SILVER RESERVE II O/U 12GA 6<sup>TH</sup> - RUGER LCP .380ACP  
 3<sup>RD</sup> - DEL-TON ECHO 316 A3 CARBINE 5.56 7<sup>TH</sup> - MARLIN 60 .22LR RIFLE  
 4<sup>TH</sup> - MB GRAND SLAM TURKEY 12GA

**TICKETS \$10 EACH**

**DRAWING HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019**  
**8PM AT THE AUSTIN AMERICAN LEGION**  
 \*THERE WILL BE A DINNER AT 6PM PRIOR TO THE DRAWING\*

**SPONSORED BY:**

TENDERMAID\* WIZARD TRUCKING\* BRICK FURNITURE\* COMMERCIAL SERVICES\*  
 ROGER & SONS\* LENWAY LAW\* PIGGY BLUES\* KATHY WENCL Y WASTE\*  
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 AUSTIN AREA AMMUNITION AND FIREARMS\*

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ALR POST 91 BOB KVAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 91

AUSTIN AMERICAN LEGION POST 91 LICENSE #00087-004  
 WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY TAXES AND FEES

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
**STEAK DINNER**



**\$20** ADVANCE TICKETS

**THE AUSTIN AMERICAN LEGION**  
**MARCH 9, 2019**  
**5:00 PM**

GUN RAFFLE, LIVE AUCTION, GREAT FOOD.  
 20% OF PROCEEDS GO TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 91 AND 80% OF PROCEEDS GO TO AMERICAN LEGION RIDER'S BOB KVAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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 2019

**WHEN:**  
**MARCH 20TH, 2019**

**DAV of MN Presents a:**  
**Free Veterans and Supporters**  
**Pre-Rally Lunch @ 10:30**

(This event is a free catered lunch to discuss our priorities and how to protect Veterans benefits)

**Veterans March to the Rally @ 12:45**

(Join with Veterans, family members, and community supporters as we march to the Capitol)

**CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO Present:**  
**Rally in the Rotunda 1:30-2:30pm**

(Your opportunity to hear directly from those in power and let them know we are PAYING ATTENTION and want ACTION)

**WHERE:**

**Pre-Rally at St. Paul Armory**

One block from Capitol BLDG

(Address: 600 Cedar St, St Paul, MN 55101)

**March to the Rally**

State Veterans Services Bldg.

(20 West 12th St, St. Paul, MN)

**NO MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANIZATION REQUIRED. ALL VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME!**

**ALL VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ADVOCATES ARE INVITED TO RALLY IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS LEGISLATION**



**Topics Include:**

KEEPING SURVIVING SPOUSES IN THEIR HOMES!

ENSURING THE LONGTERM STABILITY OF SERVICES FOR VETERANS ACROSS MN

INCREASING ACCESS TO THE OUTDOORS FOR OUR DISABLED VETERANS!

ENSURING FULL-FUNDING FOR MDVA AND THE 3 NEW VETERANS HOMES



**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:**  
**TRENT@DAVMN.ORG**

# LIVER FEED

Includes fried potatoes, onions and a bun.

Not a liver lover?  
Enjoy hamburger steak!  
\$8.00 per person



Proceeds go to Legion Marching Unit

**Saturday, March 30th, 5 p.m.**

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



# SAL BURGER & FISH FRY



**Burger or  
Fish Sandwich  
&  
French fries \$7**

Proceeds go toward  
SAL student scholarships!

**Friday, March 15th, 5:30 p.m.**

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



# SALAD LUNCHEON

**Starts at 11 a.m.  
Until gone!**



**\$7 per person**

Proceeds go to Legion Auxiliary projects

**Friday, April 5th, 11 am-1 pm**

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



# STEAK FRY



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

**12 oz. ribeye \$15**

**6 shrimp \$10**

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

Proceeds go toward required kitchen upgrades  
and other building repairs.

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

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



# AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TESTIMONIAL DINNER



Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>

## Eyota American Legion Post

Honoring Legion District Commander Gary Miller

Auxiliary District President Michelle Weaver

S.A.L. District Commander Tim Weaver

A.L.R. District Director Roe Naylor

Auxiliary District Honorary Junior President Kassy Betterman

\$30.00 per person and serving a Prime Rib Dinner

Social hour at 4 pm, Dinner at 5 pm and program to follow



Please make checks payable to Gary Weaver and send your reservation by March 26<sup>th</sup> to Gary Weaver, 29 N. Elm St., La Crescent, MN. 55947

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Names Attending \_\_\_\_\_

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