



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

MARCH 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

March 14, 2020—The First District Jr Conference. See the Call To Conference in the Auxiliary section of this newsletter.

March 21, 2020—Department Appreciation rally, LaCrescent Post 595, more information can be found on the lower RH corner of page 2 of this newsletter.

April 6, 2020—National President's Tour. Info in President's article.

April 25, 2020—Commander Wllik's testimonial dinner. More information can be found else where in the newsletter

May 2, 2020—The First District SAL Convention 9AM to 12PM.

May 2, 2020 - The First District ALR convention 1PM to ?

May 2, 2020—President Precher's Testimonial dinner. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter

May 16, 2020—First District Convention. More info next month

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Kasson Post 333 has a over supply of medical equipment which includes hospital beds with mattresses, wheel chairs (both regular and electric), motorized scooters and much more. If interested please call Richard Denny at 507—259—2081 for more information.

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings First District American Legion Family. Veterans Thank You for your service! Everyone thank you for your support.

Membership revitalization Saturday February 22 went really well. Thank You to everyone that came in the morning to help do some calling. We talked to many present and former members and transferred 37 into local posts.

The afternoon rally was super, the topics were varied, educational and speakers were great. THANK YOU!

Membership this week February 26, The First District is in second place, only .43% from 1st place. Minnesota is in 6th place of all the Departments. Thank You to everyone good job!

Testimonials coming up. Department Commander's Mark Dvorak April 18, New Prague. District Commander's (Dale Wellik) April 25, Dodge Center. District President Wanda Prescher May 2, Stewartville.

Appreciation Rally March 21, La Crescent.

We are working on the program for the District convention which is in Austin on May 16. We are only 10 weeks away.

The election of officers is also at the convention, If you so inclined to be a candidate for an office send your endorsement to Wayne Hammon Jr.

It has been an honor and privilege to have served as 1st District Commander this past year, with the support all of you gave me Thank You.

I am an endorsed candidate for the office of Commander for the 2020-2021 year.

Now more than ever get signed up for your medical benefits.

The National Commander's tour of the 1st District February 17th was a real privilege to be at Posts where he spoke, each post was a little different. Thank You to all the Host Posts!

Pray for our deployed soldiers and their families. Thank you for your service and support.

For God and Country!

Dale Wellik

1st District Commander.

Appreciation Family Gathering March 21, 2020

Gittens-Leidel Post 595, 595 Veterans Pkwy, La Crescent, MN 55947

Social 4-5 pm Dinner 5 pm Program to follow

Reserve your meal by calling Sy Fix at 507- 313-3376 or email at papafixone@gmail.com

Dinner \$15 Beef tips with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, green bean almondine, coleslaw, dessert, roll and coffee

RSVP by March 12, 2020

From your 1st District Legion Chaplain

To the American Legion Family,

I'm starting this month's newsletter with a request on a personal note. February was a difficult month for me and my family. My wife, Emily, began doctoring at Mayo Clinic Rochester on January 15, 2020 and on January 31 we received diagnoses of ALS, (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease.) We are waiting for her to be scheduled for a couple more tests to confirm or disavow the diagnoses. At this point the neurologist is 85-90% sure. So I'm asking those of you who believe in the power of prayer to join with us in asking our Heavenly Father to intervene on Em's behalf. I'm a true believer in the power of prayer and have seen what happens when a group of faithful people come together in prayer. James 5:16 KJV says, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous person availeth much." Also pray for our service personnel who are deployed or here at home. Remember to thank each one for their service, and also give thanks to our Veterans. I thank you, in advance, for your prayers.

My home Post 296 of Ellendale has endorsed me for 1st District Chaplain, as well as, for Dept. of Minnesota Chaplain. This also comes with an endorsement from the 1st District. I'm really looking forward to seeing where God takes me this year. I look forward to meeting new people and making new friends in the upcoming year.

This country is only as strong as those who serve it. I thank each of you for your continued service. Lord, help us to study, learn, remember and thank you for our nation and your hand in our history. May it continue to be "....one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

For God and Country,

Larry H. Otto

1st District Chaplain



Post 56 Commander Jeff Olson speaks with a District 1 officer.



**FIRST DISTRICT COMMANDER’S TESTIMONIAL
Commander Dale Wellik**

**WHERE -----Dodge Center American Legion
401 West Hwy Street
Dodge Center, MN**

**WHEN -----April 25, 2020
Social time 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Program to follow**

Cost ----- Dinner will be \$20:00

**Checks payable to ----- American Legion Dodge County Council and mail to :
Dale Wellik, 17941 County Hwy 34, Dodge Center, MN 55927.**

**RSVP to : Dale Wellik at 1-507-421-5674 or 1-507-374-2766 and
leave a message, or e-mail him at treeson34@gmail.com
Please rsvp no later than April 10, 2020.**

Menu:

**Salad, Baked Salmon or Baked Chicken, Vegetable, Baked Potato, Roll and desert.
Coffee and water.**

To whom it may concern

THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Attention; MN Gold Star Monument Committee

4520 58th LN NW

Rochester, MN 55901

Direct questions to: Scott Eggert 507-993-2414 or

Dave Swenson 507-206-8479



NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND EXCELLENCE AWARD INFORMATION

PLEASE READ

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

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

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

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

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

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

We did a lot of work this year we had two revitalizations one in Winona and one in Austin we had gotten the 1982 list up dated and we managed to get 60 plus people into local post ,great job . Spring is coming up on us which means you be seeing more motorcycles out please keep an eye out for them .the legion riders have many projects this year with care packages and PTSD run thunder in the valley and 22 a day all rides for raising money for veterans and family .Also remember when the SAL and Riders or Auxiliary does volunteer work the post and legion gets credit for it so write down the volunteer times .One post is not the legion it is many post that make up the legion. I have also heard a post tell members that if you don't like to hear it go some were else that type of mentality will not fly in the legion we are all family and we support family .Remember we are a volunteer veterans organization or mission is veterans and family .Anything else is secondary .

Thank you
Area one vice
Mark a Maloney III

NOTICE TO ALL LEGIONAIRES

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

Commander - Mark Maloney
Dale Wellik
Finance Officer - Bill Goede
Chaplain - Larry Otto
Area Four Vice Cmfr - Mary Hanson
Dept. 1st & 3rd Vice Commander - Gary Weaver

Department Chaplain—Larry Otto

Delegates:

Dale Wellik
Mary Hanson
Richard Skillestad
Myron Ehrich
Bill Goede
Chuck Kruger
James Kellogg

Greetings to Area 4,
I don't know how many of you were aware that we had a membership rally on February 22nd at Post 91 in Austin. I would guess not many by the number of people that showed up. We had a wonderful program with speakers lined up on Ruby's Pantry, Fischer House and PTSD. You missed out on a lot of information. Plus, we did a revitalization that resulted in 37 transfers from the 1982 list to posts in the area. My heartfelt thank you to the members that did attend.

We need to get back to attending rally's, whether they are district or department. We need to support each other posts by attending special events. Learn new information and enjoy comradeship once again.

There will be a department appreciation rally in La Crescent on March 21st. I hope you will be able to attend. Please contact Sy Fix as soon as possible.

With the elections this year, please remember that The American Legion is non-partisan. If you attend any functions for any political candidate, do not wear your cover or any Legion branded clothing. Please review Article II section 2 of the National Constitution and the Officers Handbook for more information.

Spring is just around the corner. Hoping the snow melts sooner rather than later.

Mary Hanson
District 1, Area 4 Vice Commander

On March 1st, the Eagle Scout of the Year applications are due to department.

On March 11th 90 percent target, forget that lets go to 100 percent target.! Most posts are at 90% so to get at 100% make that phone call or a house call to get it done. Lets lead the fight to be the first at 100% for Fillmore and Houston county. If you need some help please call me 507-206-9542. Together we can make 100%! I salute all of you for doing a great job!

Paper work is coming; officer reporting, community service report and consolidated post report will be mailed to all post so please make sure you get your paper work done and get it sent in, thank you!

With the onset of spring and summer coming many posts are turning to outside activities to raise funds. If your post is holding such an event please get it in your district newsletters, and post it on your website and/or Facebook page. Whenever it is that you are going to host an event, please do it safely so that you will be ready to hop on that motorcycle ride.

February I know it is over but I forgot to mention something important to me. National Donor Day on the 14th. This National observance is held every year on this day to bring awareness and education about organ, eye and tissue donation. National Donor Day is also a day to recognize those who have given and received the gift of life through organ donations. If you are an organ donor already thank you and if not please take the time to consider becoming one.

James Westby
Semper Fi

25 February 2020

Dear American Legion Family,

Legionville needs your help! Our 2020 Safety Patrol Camp will be here before we know it and at this time, the camp unfortunately has very few funds to maintain its operations.

In 2018, the Legionville Board of Directors made the decision to cancel all summer sessions due to health and safety concerns for all students and staff as a result of a bog which attached itself to the camp's beach. After much effort, the bog was finally removed, but damage was already done to both equipment at camp as well as Legionville's bank account. The lack of income from not holding any 2018 summer sessions forced us to deplete practically all financial reserves to keep facilities in working order.

During the summer of 2018, Legionville did complete some much needed repairs of the main kitchen to keep the facility up to code, significant renovations to the dining hall, and equipment breakdowns to include replacing a very expensive hot water heater. However, there are still significant renovations that need to be accomplished to include replacing the ceiling. With the current shortfall of funds, we are desperately in need of help to make camp as successful as possible.

I am reaching out to our American Legion Family, Post's, SAL, and Auxiliary with the hopes that some of you could donate funds to Legionville to help us out. Gambling funds can be used. Please forward your donation to the address above with your check made out to **Legionville**. I thank you in advance for your consideration and generous donation.

For God and Country

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 3/4/20

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TOTAL	PER-CENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	546	514	5	519	95.05%	27	2/19/2020
90	LEWISTON	71	69	-1	68	95.77%	3	2/12/2020
190	ST CHARLES	141	123	1	124	87.94%	17	2/26/2020
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		758	706	5	711	93.80%	47	3/4/2020
50	WABASHA	213	208	3	211	99.06%	2	2/19/2020
110	LAKE CITY	148	133	2	135	91.22%	13	3/4/2020
179	PLAINVIEW	171	152	1	153	89.47%	18	3/4/2020
546	KELLOGG	64	59	1	60	93.75%	4	12/11/2019
573	ELGIN	28	24	3	27	96.43%	1	1/22/2020
579	MILLVILLE	146	179	-1	178	121.92%	-32	2/12/2020
588	MAZEPPA	75	67	2	69	92.00%	6	2/12/2020
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		845	822	11	833	98.58%	12	3/4/2020
92	ROCHESTER	887	819	6	825	93.01%	62	2/19/2020
119	BYRON	140	121	3	124	88.57%	16	2/26/2020
164	STEWARTVILLE	292	289	3	292	100.00%	0	2/19/2020
446	ROCHESTER	15	10	5	15	100.00%	0	2/12/2020
551	EYOTA	185	179	1	180	97.30%	5	2/26/2020
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1519	1418	18	1436	94.54%	83	3/4/2020
AREA ONE TOTALS		3122	2946	34	2980	95.45%	142	3/4/2020
295	WEST CONCORD	61	52	10	62	101.64%	-1	2/12/2020
330	HAYFIELD	202	182	6	188	93.07%	14	2/12/2020
333	KASSON	260	246	7	253	97.31%	7	2/12/2020
384	DODGE CENTER	77	73	1	74	96.10%	3	1/22/2020
422	CLAREMONT	30	26	1	27	90.00%	3	1/8/2020
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		630	579	25	604	95.87%	26	3/4/2020
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	104	92	1	93	89.42%	11	2/26/2020
77	OWATONNA	468	432	13	445	95.09%	23	2/26/2020
296	ELLENDALE	35	35	1	36	102.86%	-1	2/26/2020
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		607	559	15	574	94.56%	33	3/4/2020
75	NEW RICHLAND	55	45	2	47	85.45%	8	1/22/2020
228	WASECA	319	299	5	304	95.30%	15	2/26/2020
281	JANESVILLE	93	84	2	86	92.47%	7	3/4/2020
587	WALDORF	26	20	2	22	84.62%	4	1/22/2020
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		493	448	11	459	93.10%	34	3/4/2020
AREA TWO TOTALS		1730	1586	51	1637	94.62%	93	3/4/2020
40	LANESBORO	107	115	-8	107	100.00%	0	2/26/2020
68	SPRING VALLEY	77	71	4	75	97.40%	2	1/22/2020
81	HARMONY	31	22	8	30	96.77%	1	1/8/2020
94	RUSHFORD	122	89	3	92	75.41%	30	2/12/2020
166	PRESTON	66	54	6	60	90.91%	6	10/30/2019
197	CHATFIELD	50	44	1	45	90.00%	5	3/4/2020
299	MABEL	159	162	2	164	103.14%	-5	2/26/2020

369	WYKOFF	18	12	4	16	88.89%	2	9/13/2019
400	CANTON	14	15	3	18	128.57%	-4	1/8/2020
492	FOUNTAIN	15	10	4	14	93.33%	1	1/8/2020
526	PETERSON	38	35	1	36	94.74%	2	2/19/2020
544	OSTRANDER	23	22	1	23	100.00%	0	2/12/2020
637	WHALEN	14	6	1	7	50.00%	7	11/26/2019
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS		734	657	30	687	93.60%	47	3/4/2020
191	CALEDONIA	157	144	1	145	92.36%	12	2/12/2020
249	SPRING GROVE	160	136	5	141	88.13%	19	3/4/2020
423	HOUSTON	109	98	2	100	91.74%	9	2/26/2020
498	HOKAH	21	19	2	21	100.00%	0	1/22/2020
595	LA CRESCENT	290	259	6	265	91.38%	25	2/26/2020
HOUSTON COUNTY TO- AREA THREE TOTALS		737	656	16	672	91.18%	65	3/4/2020
56	ALBERT LEA	576	522	3	525	91.15%	51	2/26/2020
264	GLENVILLE	79	65	4	69	87.34%	10	2/12/2020
266	HARTLAND	16	12	1	13	81.25%	3	11/26/2019
317	EMMONS	58	51	2	53	91.38%	5	1/8/2020
404	ALDEN	114	94	10	104	91.23%	10	1/15/2020
552	FREEBORN	34	27	2	29	85.29%	5	1/8/2020
FREEBORN COUNTY TO- AREA FOUR TOTALS		877	771	22	793	90.42%	84	3/4/2020
91	AUSTIN	500	480	4	484	96.80%	16	3/4/2020
105	LYLE	87	80	4	84	96.55%	3	2/19/2020
140	GRAND MEADOW	45	40	1	41	91.11%	4	1/22/2020
146	ADAMS	188	182	1	183	97.34%	5	3/4/2020
161	LEROY	51	46	3	49	96.08%	2	2/12/2020
570	AUSTIN SPAM	8	12	1	13	162.50%	-5	1/22/2020
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		879	840	14	854	97.16%	25	3/4/2020
AREA FOUR TOTALS		1756	1611	36	1647	93.79%	109	3/4/2020
1111	DAKOTA	70	0	8	8	11.43%	62	2/26/2020
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		8149	7456	1742	7631	93.64%	518	3/4/2020

AREA ONE		3122	2946	34	2980	95.45%	142	3/4/2020
AREA TWO		1730	1586	51	1637	94.62%	93	3/4/2020
AREA THREE		1471	1313	46	1359	92.39%	112	3/4/2020
AREA FOUR		1756	1611	36	1647	93.79%	109	3/4/2020



Austin Spam Post 570



Mabel Post 299



West Concord Post 295



Ellendale Post 296



Millville Post 579

Congratulations to these posts for being at goal and attending one of the National Commander's Tour of Minnesota.

They got their pictures taken with the National Commander with a signed picture of him.

First District Legion members:

As part of Post 119's Vietnam Recognition Program we are going to read all of the names of casualties from the 1st District. I have found those that were residents of 1st District however I have found out that if someone lived in the 1st District and then changed their address outside of the 1st District and were eventually a casualty, I would be missing them. I now know of three names that fit that scenario but there are probably more.

If anyone knows of someone that fits this category, please contact me at ggb69goat@gmail.com or call me at 507-696-7949.



Kasson American Legion Post 333
Post Everlasting
Ceremony

March 15, 2020
6:30 p.m.

This ceremony honors our deceased veterans and then transfers them to their last post.

Light refreshments following the ceremony.

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

MARCH 29, 2020

THE BYRON AMERICAN LEGION POST 119 IS PROUD TO BE A SPONSOR OF THE NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION PROGRAM.

WE WILL BE HAVING A BUFFET LUNCH AND A SHORT PROGRAM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 AT JOHNNY MANGO'S EVENT CENTER, 505 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD, BYRON. WE INVITE ALL DISTRICT ONE VETERANS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM ERA, AND THEIR FAMILIES TO JOIN US IN RECOGNITION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE VIETNAM CONFLICT.

A SHORT PROGRAM WILL START AT NOON, FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET LUNCH. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED UNTIL 4:30PM OR WHEN SUPPLIES RUN OUT. WE WILL BE READING ALL OF THE NAMES OF THE SERVICEMEN FROM DISTRICT ONE THAT DIED IN THE WAR.

THIS EVENT IS ALSO OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. COME AND SHARE YOUR MEMORIES AND MEET SOME OF THE VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS OF ALL WARS AND CONFLICTS.

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2020

WHERE: JOHNNY MANGO'S EVENT CENTER

505 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD - BYRON, MN

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 11:30AM

PROGRAM 12:00-12:30PM BUFFET 12:30 – 4:30PM

BUFFET LUNCH WILL CONSIST OF:

BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

BAKED BEANS

COLESLAW

FRUIT COCTAIL

VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP

CHILI

DESSERT

BEVERAGES: WATER/MILK/COFFEE

THE COST PER PERSON IS:

VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS	\$5.00
GENERAL PUBLIC	\$10.00
KIDS 6-13	\$5.00
KIDS UNDER 6	FREE

FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

May 16, 2020

Austin American Legion Post 91

The First District American Legion Convention will be held at American Legion Post 91 in Austin, MN. Please fill out this form and send to the address below before May 5, 2020:

Austin American Legion Post 91
Convention Registration
809 12th St SW
Austin, MN 55912

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 noon lunch - \$8.00

Total Amount _____

Make checks payable to "Austin American Legion Post" 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 #** _____

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 o

15 On Feb. 17, The American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford enjoyed breakfast at Adams Post 146, the first stop on his tour of Minnesota. He spoke about The American Legion's impact on America's youth and the importance of growing and retaining Legion membership



National Commander Bill Oxford looks at Post 146's military museum. Post Commander Lynn Sathre guides him through the museum.



Bunting festoons the hall at American Legion Post 146 in Adams.



National Commander Bill Oxford poses for a photo in front of a display of Navy uniforms



National Commander Bill Oxford visits with members of the Auxiliary.



Members of the media from TV stations in Rochester and Mason City and a newspaper for Mower County ask questions of National Commander Bill Oxford



World War II veteran Sy Schaefer stands to be honored.

16 On Feb. 17, The American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford enjoyed lunch at Waseca Post 228, the second stop on his tour of Minnesota.



National Commander Bill Oxford speaks at Waseca Post 228 in front of a large American flag.



Officers with the Legion, Sons and Auxiliary applaud National Commander Bill Oxford



About 50 people attend lunch at Waseca Post 228 to hear the national commander speak.



Members of Waldorf Post 587 stand with the national commander.



A World War II veteran stands to be recognized.



A World War II veteran stands to be recognized

17 On Feb. 17, The American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford enjoyed lunch at Albert Lea Post 56, the third stop on his tour of Minnesota. He spoke about efforts to halt veteran suicide, how the Legion is crucial to passing laws that benefit veterans, the importance of growing membership and how we make a difference on the local level



Department Commander Mark Dvorak, Albert Lea Mayor Vern Rasmussen, National Commander Bill Oxford, Post 56 Commander Jeff Olson and Department Membership Director Sy Fix stand beside a welcome sign at the Albert Lea American Legion Post on Feb. 17.



Legion Riders stand to be recognized. They served the meal and cleaned up after, to the surprise of the national commander.



National Commander Bill Oxford holds up the gavel Post 56 Commander Jeff



World War II veteran Ruth Perry was recognized.



People in attendance at Post 56 to hear the commander speak raise their glasses in a toast.

If you want to see more pictures of the National Commander’s tour of Minnesota go to the following link:

<http://mnlegion.org/news/>



From Your Adjutant

We would like to have all officer endorsements for the 2020-2021 legion year sent to the District Adjutant as soon as possible. So if you are planning to run for an elected office next year please get your post endorsement and mail get it to Wayne as soon as possible.

FROM YOUR RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN

Remember that if your post has any resolutions to be considered at the District Convention they have to be in the hands of the District Resolution Chairman NO later than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention. That date would be April 16, 2020.

First District Resolution Chairman

Rich Gosse

1136 6th St W

Wabasha, MN 55981

PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY LUNCHEON INFORMATION

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

595 Veterans Way, La Crescent, MN 55947

Any questions please let me know.

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FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

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March is Community Service month. As members of the American Legion Auxiliary we have many opportunities to "Celebrate Service" working together making a difference for our veterans, their families and our communities.

Thank you, Membership Chairs for continually turning in membership!
1st District is currently in 1st place at 90.83%
TY: 3794 to LY: 3796 just down 2 members! Keep turning in, never too late!

Secretary

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Reminder, Girls State applications are due by the end of March.

Saturday, March 7th: Leadership Seminar in Kellogg, with Department 2nd Vice-President Mary Kuperus.
I encourage our members to attend. We should never stop learning!

Saturday, March 14th: 1st. District Junior Conference in Stewartville, Exe. Meeting 9:00am, 10:00am Junior meeting.

Saturday, March 21st: Department Appreciation Rally at La Crescent Area Event Center.

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National Presidents Tour in April: President Nicole Clapp will be at Pine Island Post 184 on
Monday, April 6th: 5pm Social-6pm Dinner-\$12.00. Contact Linda Kelly at 507-421-8270 if planning on attending the deadline is March 27th.

We should have a good showing from our District with Pine Island being close too many of us! Hope to see you there!

Treasurer

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Thank you, Auxiliary members for your continued support of our great organization!
Wanda Prescher
1st District President

First District Testimonial
Honoring
Wanda Prescher – District President

Date: Saturday, May 2nd

Where: Stewartville American Legion Post 164

1100 2nd Avenue NW

Stewartville, MN 55976

Time: Social hour from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm.

Steak and Shrimp dinner with baked potato, green beans, salad, dinner roll
cheesecake and coffee

Program to follow

Cost: \$20.00 per person

RSVP to Audrey Farnsworth by Monday, April 20, 2020

Call Audrey at (507) 533-4454 (home) or 507- 886-2992 (cell) with any questions

No reservations will be taken by phone

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to: Stewartville American Legion Auxiliary #164

Send Reservations to:
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CALL TO FIRST DISTRICT JUNIOR CONFERENCE

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

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

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

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

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

Poppy Corsage/Boutonniere Contest

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

Poppy Centerpiece Contest

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

Poppy Accessories Contest

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

Poppy Memorial Day Wreath

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

Poppy Junior Membership Recruitment Board

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

Poster Board

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

All poppies must have the white tags removed.

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

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

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

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

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

Tonia Bettermann
First District Junior Activities Chair

American Legion Auxiliary

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NATIONAL SECURITY

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME AGAIN!

¹³⁰ Yes, it's that time again when we get to indulge in Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Do-Si Dos, Samoas or any of the 8-12 flavors of Girl Scout Cookies while supporting our local Girl Scout Troops. It has been a tradition in my family ever since I was a young Girl Scout to annually enjoy those Thin Mints.

Jump forward many, many years to when my young son really looked forward to this time of the year when we would be able to once again be able to purchase those delectable taste treats. I remember when we were planning his Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor, his one request was that we served Girl Scout Thin Mints Cookies . . . and we did. Naturally, when he was stationed in Gaeta, Italy while serving in the U.S. Navy, Thin Mints Cookies were included in Care packages from home - They made his day!

You can help make the day for our military members and send them Girl Scout Cookies! Add a few boxes in the care packages that you send to local troops. If you partner with a local Blue Star Mothers Chapter, perhaps your Unit can purchase a quantity for them to add to their packages.

Many Girl Scout Troops participate in council-approved "Gift of Caring" program that allow girls to collect donations of cookies for military personnel. If you are buying cookies from a Girls Scout, look to see if there is a "Gift of Caring" option on the order form. If there is, you can make sure the cookies you're buying will be donated to military personnel.

RENEW - RECRUIT - REJOIN

Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem

								3/6/2019		
DISTRICT	# of	Goal	Period	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year	Difference from Last Year			
One	48	4,17	107	3,794	90.83%	3,796	2			
Two	75	4,19	28	3,764	89.81%	3,838	74			
Three	47	4,06	44	3,638	89.52%	3,642	4			
Four	7	624	9	550	88.14%	553	3			
Five	7	603	7	535	88.72%	546	11			
Six	63	5,39	79	4,838	89.71%	4,948	110			
Seven	60	3,36	76	3,014	89.46%	3,116	102			
Eight	25	1,36	41	1,216	89.21%	1,241	25			
Nine	50	3,61	73	3,220	89.00%	3,309	89			
Ten	47	4,30	70	3,780	87.83%	3,885	105			
1982 Dept	1	178	2	190	106.74%	171	-19			
District Totals:	430	31,8	536	28,539	89.51%	29,045	506			
Group 1 (Even) <i>Patti Coleman</i>	217	15,8	227	14,148	89.12%	14,465	317			
Group 2 (Odd) <i>Mary Kuperus</i>	212	15,8	307	14,201	89.70%	14,409	208			

RANKINGS

10th	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
87.83%	88.14%	88.72%	89.00%	89.21%	89.46%	89.52%	89.71%	89.8	90.83%
District 10	District 4	District 5	District 9	District 8	District 7	District 3	District 6	Dis-	District 1

Auxiliary Membership as of 3/3/2020

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Precent	Left
	9 Winona	137	134	0	134	97.81%	3
	90 Lewiston	37	35	0	35	94.59%	2
	190 St Charles	53	44	0	44	83.02%	9
	50 Wabasha	113	104	3	107	94.69%	6
	110 Lake City	72	57	6	63	87.50%	9
	179 Plainview	139	107	9	116	83.45%	23
	546 Kellogg	124	101	0	101	81.45%	23
	573 Elgin	18	12	0	12	66.67%	6
	579 Millville	53	45	5	50	94.34%	3
	588 Mazeppa	37	36	0	36	97.30%	1
	92 Rochester	135	126	7	133	98.52%	2
	119 Byron	75	40	0	40	53.33%	35
	164 Stewartville	173	167	0	167	96.53%	6
	551 Eyota	100	91	0	91	91.00%	9
Pod One Total		1266	1099	30	1129	89.18%	137
	295 West Concord	34	31	0	31	91.18%	3
	330 Hayfield	182	144	12	155	85.16%	27
	333 Kasson	133	129	1	130	97.74%	3
	384 Dodge Center	75	63	0	63	84.00%	12
	422 Claremont	21	19	0	19	90.48%	2
	52 Blooming Prairie	104	89	0	89	85.58%	15
	77 Owatonna	113	105	1	106	93.81%	7
	75 New Richland	49	44	0	44	89.80%	5
	228 Waseca	243	209	14	223	91.77%	20
587 Waldorf		19	20	0	20	105.26%	-1
Pod Two Totals		973	853	28	880	90.44%	93

40 Lanesboro	103	93	0	93	90.29%	10
68 Spring Valley	42	38	0	38	90.48%	4
81 Harmony	53	40	0	40	75.47%	13
94 Rushford	55	39	5	44	80.00%	11
197 Chatfield	32	29	0	29	90.63%	3
299 Mabel	123	103	0	103	83.74%	20
369 Wykoff	17	16	0	16	94.12%	1
526 Peterson	43	45	0	45	104.65%	-2
544 Ostrander	15	13	0	13	86.67%	2
637 Whalen	22	20	0	20	90.91%	2
191 Caledonia	75	74	0	74	98.67%	1
249 Spring Grove	122	98	0	98	80.33%	24
423 Houston	138	115	10	125	90.58%	13
498 Hokah	18	17	0	17	94.44%	1
595 LaCrescent	181	157	7	164	90.61%	17
Pod Three Totals	1039	897	17	919	88.45%	120
56 Albert Lea	289	259	21	280	96.89%	9
264 Glenville	87	89	0	89	102.30%	-2
404 Alden	37	33	3	36	97.30%	1
552 Freeborn	61	60	0	60	98.36%	1
91 Austin	128	123	3	126	98.44%	2
105 Lyle	56	50	0	50	89.29%	6
140 Grand Meadow	63	64	0	64	101.59%	-1
146 Adams	132	0	0	118	89.39%	14
161 Leroy	46	43	0	43	93.48%	3
Pod Four Totals	899	721	27	866	96.33%	33
Total	4177	3570	102	3794	90.83%	383

JUNIOR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

1st District Jr Auxiliary Officers

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This year has been a good challenge for me. I am a senior and I have been doing many exciting things so far this year. I have been in a swimming team which takes up my time but I have enjoyed being part of a team.

I heard when I was at one of my swim meets in Farmington on October 12th there was a basket passed around for my project. Thank you to everyone who contributed to my project. I raised \$108 that day. My project is to help the veterans that want a service dog but may not be able to afford one. Believet out of Northfield will train a dog for a veteran at no cost.



Thank you for all you have done for me.
Kassy Bettermann

CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

The American Legion Constitution and Bylaws has been updated to replace the word “wife” with “spouse,” related to the membership criteria for the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA).

Here are some common questions and answers to what this means going forward:

Question: Why change ALA membership eligibility?

Answer: In 1920, veterans were almost 100 percent male so the ALA was formed as the organization for the spouses of the veteran — those spouses just happened to be women.

Today, an estimated 16 percent of enlisted people and 18 percent of officers are women, who may be married to a non-veteran. To keep the ALA as the organization that supports spouses of the veteran, we need to change the ALA’s definition from wives to spouses, thereby updating the organization to represent the changing makeup of the military.

Q: How can this change help ALA membership?

A: Think about female spouses who are alone as their husband is deployed. They have the ALA to lean on. Who can the male spouse rely on? With this eligibility change, now male spouses who are ALA members can receive the same support while their wives are deployed.

Q: Would this change need to be approved by Congress?

A: No, because the American Legion Auxiliary is not chartered by Congress. The American Legion, which was chartered by Congress, created the ALA. The Legion approved the ALA to operate as a separate corporation; however, The American Legion has always set the eligibility requirements of the ALA in their bylaws.

Q: What about the previous communications issued by former ALA leadership claiming this change could not happen? Why is that information inaccurate?

A: Previously released messaging could have been interpreted by members to mean ALA needs congressional approval for this change to happen. That information is inaccurate. The American Legion Auxiliary is not chartered by Congress.

Q: ALA refers to itself as the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization. How can we allow men to join?

A: Now that the resolution has been adopted by The American Legion, the Auxiliary will no longer call itself the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization.

Q: How would this change affect the American Legion Auxiliary membership application or signing up new members?

A: We anticipate taking applications on Sept. 1.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THIS IS THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name (First)	(M.I.)	(Last)
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth - 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 and over	
Date of Birth (Required)	Unit #	Location
Have you been a member previously? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, fill in below.)		
Previous Unit City/State	ALA ID# (if known)	
	/ /	
Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)		Date

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION	
Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)	
If Living:	American Legion Member ID # Post # City State
<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records. For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records	
Veteran Served:	
<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/8/1917-11/11/1918)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> Panama <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada <input type="checkbox"/> Korea <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Self	
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Female Descendant (daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, etc.)	
To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer	
I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.	
Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification	/ / Date

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

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. *Membership pending approval of application.*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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Greeting SAL Members

Greeting SAL Members

I want to wish the American Legion a Happy Birthday on March 15th. Proudly founded on March 15, 1919. Little history lesson, anyone know the oldest continuously running American Legion in the United States? The oldest, continuously operated American Legion Post in the United States is in Tulsa. It is Tulsa American Legion Post 1 and it was chartered on June 19, 1919 — three months after the Post in Paris was founded.

Please look to your Squadrons for donations to the CWF as the state of Minnesota is only at about 51% of goal.

We are still looking for members to take over leadership. To date there has only been two endorsements. I know there are more interested parties. Please consider the opportunity at least.

The SAL bylaws and constitution draft have are hung up because of the treasure role that we struggled with last year. Our recommendations have been sent back and need further review, more to follow.

I want to thank those who have stepped up for me in my absence from District duties.

In closing I want to personally thank those currently serving and those that served for your service to our country.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless the USA.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lemmer
District 1 SAL Commander.

Plainview Squadron 179 endorses Bill Goede for the office of First District Finance Officer

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SAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2/20/2020

SQUAD	LOCATION	GQAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	81	78	2	80	98.77%	1	11/12/2019
40	LANESBORO	62	0	53	53	85.48%	9	11/26/2019
50	WABASHA	11	7	3	10	90.91%	1	12/10/2019
90	LEWISTON	47	0	47	47	100.00%	0	11/20/2019
92	ROCHESTER	133	113	12	125	93.98%	8	1/15/2020
94	RUSHFORD	48	15	8	23	47.92%	25	2/20/2020
119	BYRON	38	37	1	38	100.00%	0	2/11/2020
164	STEWARTVILLE	111	89	15	104	93.69%	7	2/11/2020
166	PRESTON	44	40	1	41	93.18%	3	1/29/2020
179	PLAINVIEW	18	0	7	7	38.89%	11	1/21/2020
190	ST CHARLES	12	12	1	13	108.33%	-1	2/11/2020
191	CALEDONIA	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
299	MABEL	29	12	3	15	51.72%	14	2/11/2020
423	HOUSTON	3	0	15	15	500.00%	-12	11/12/2019
546	KELLOGG	24	8	9	17	70.83%	7	1/15/2020
551	EYOTA	44	30	5	35	79.55%	9	2/11/2020
573	ELGIN	3	0	3	3	100.00%	0	9/12/2019
579	MILLVILLE	32	15	10	25	78.13%	7	2/11/2020
595	LA CRESCENT	71	36	24	60	84.51%	11	1/15/2020
TOTAL FOR EAST		817	0	219	711	87.03%	106	2/20/2020
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	42	0	41	41	97.62%	1	2/11/2020
56	ALBERT LEA	141	117	3	120	85.11%	21	2/20/2020
75	NEW RICHLAND	5	0	0	0	0.00%	5	8/19/2019
77	OWATONNA	142	110	4	114	80.28%	28	2/11/2020
91	AUSTIN	72	49	9	58	80.56%	14	2/11/2020
105	LYLE	35	1	25	26	74.29%	9	2/20/2020
140	GRAND MEADOW	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
146	ADAMS	136	73	6	79	58.09%	57	2/11/2020
161	LEROY	51	37	3	40	78.43%	11	12/16/2019
228	WASECA	132	67	15	82	62.12%	50	1/15/2020
264	GLENVILLE	41	43	1	44	107.32%	-3	2/11/2020
266	HARTLAND	15	0	10	10	66.67%	5	11/12/2019
281	JANESVILLE	10	0	7	7	70.00%	3	2/11/2020
317	EMMONS	16	1	24	25	156.25%	-9	12/10/2019
330	HAYFIELD	36	31	2	33	91.67%	3	2/11/2020
333	KASSON	35	34	3	37	105.71%	-2	12/16/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	13	0	6	6	46.15%	7	2/11/2020
404	ALDEN	63	48	8	56	88.89%	7	1/29/2020
552	FREEBORN	32	16	7	23	71.88%	9	12/16/2019
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		1030	0	174	801	77.77%	229	2/20/2020
1111	DAKOTA	151	52	1	53	35.10%	98	2/11/2020
TOTAL FOR DIS-		1789	52	394	1565	87.48%	224	2/20/2020

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



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First District American Legion Riders,

Spring is coming soon!! So we hope anyway!!

American Legion Riders will meet on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at 2:00pm at the Rushford American Legion.

Please submit or bring your chapter's nomination for the Rider of the Year.

These are the guidelines that were established a few years ago.

Verify current membership in organization (Legion, Aux, SAL)

Be an active member of the ALR chapter

What other involvement does the nominee have on the local level. Are they involved in their Legion, Aux, SAL organizations?

What other activities does the nominee participate in – community, other organizations?

Interaction with other ALR chapters

Other personal information that may be pertinent to this award.

The RIDER OF THE YEAR Chairman should request a nomination from all active chapters in the district.

The nomination should be in writing and should be sent to the chairman by January 1st.

The nominations to be reviewed and chosen by the First District Legion Commander, First District Auxiliary President and the First District S.A.L. Commander at the Mid-winter conference.

The award will be presented at the First District American Legion Family Convention that is held in May each year.

We are also in need of officers. Please consider taking an office.

TACO NIGHTS



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

Margaritas
only \$3.50



Meat Raffles too!

A-00135

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

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



STEAK FRY



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

12 oz. ribeye \$15

6 shrimp \$10

8 oz. ribeye & 3 shrimp \$15

Proceeds go toward required kitchen upgrades and other building repairs.

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

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CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS

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

Drop off locations are at:

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

Rushford American Legion
Austin American Legion
Nesler Auto Repair/Houston

Please see the list of items that are needed.

CANDY

- Candy (heat resistant)
- Fruit Breezes (throat drops)
- Twizzlers

CORRESPONDENCE

- Writing Paper and Envelopes
- Pens/Pencils

DENTAL

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Mouthwash

DRINK

- Coffee (instant)
- Coffee Creamer
- Individual Size Drink Mixes

FOOD (including dry goods, snacks)

- Oatmeal (instant)
- Ramen Noodles-any flavor
- Bars (Clif or Balance)
- Beef Jerky or SlimJims
- Granola Bars
- Individual Crackers or Cookies
- Canned Fruit (pop top cans)
- Gum
- Sugar packets
- Ravioli (pop top cans)
- Tuna Kits

TOILETRIES/HYGIENE

- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products (for female soldiers)
- Travel size body wash
- Deodorant
- Foot Powder
- Hand Lotion
- Q-Tips
- Razors (disposable)
- Shampoo
- Sunscreen
- Tylenol (individual packets)

Other

- Batteries (AA, D,)
- Bug Spray (must be packaged in zip-lock bag)
- Duct Tape
- Flashlights (mini/mag lite, extra bulbs, lots of batteries)
- Fans (battery powered - small - with extra batteries)
- Fly Strips
- Fly Swatters
- Socks

ENTERTAINMENT

- Playing Cards
- Crossword Puzzles
- Hand held electronic games
- Soduko books



LACRESCENT SAL OMELET

BREAKFAST



8:00 AM until 12:00 PM

AT THE LACRESCENT EVENT CENTER

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

2019 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	September 7
Chicken & Pork Fry, FFA.....	September 21
Chicken & Pork Fry, Auxiliary.....	October 5
Steak Fry, Southland Trap Shoot.....	October 19
Windsor Chop, Legion.....	November 2
Steak Fry, Knights of Columbus.....	November 9
Chicken & Pork Fry, Adams Health Care.....	November 16
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	December 7
Chicken & Steak, Snowmobilers.....	December 14
Windsor Chops, Legion New Year’s Eve.....	December 31

2020 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	January 4
Steak Fry, SAL Cancer.....	January 18
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	February 1
Chicken & Pork Fry, Adams Swimming Pool.....	February 15
Fish Fry, Legion.....	March 6
Steak Fry, Southland Sportsman.....	March 14
Fish Fry, Auxiliary.....	March 20
Fish Fry, SAL.....	April 3
Chicken & Pork, Legion Baseball.....	April 18
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	May 2
Chicken & Pork Fry, Jugglers.....	May 16
Windsor Chops, Legion *5:30 - 8:00 PM*.....	June 12
Steak Fry, Legion *5:30 – 8:00 PM *.....	June 13

JOIN US AT KASSON AMERICAN LEGION POST 333

212 W. Main Street, Kasson 507-634-4353 Facebook: Kasson American Legion Post 333

<p>LUNCH Mon-Tues 11 am-1:30 pm</p> 	<p>BURGER NIGHTS as scheduled</p> 
 <p>TACOS Tues 5-7:30 pm</p>	 <p>STEAK FRY 1st Sat Oct-May 5-7 pm</p>

HAPPY HOUR Monday - Friday, 3-6 pm

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

Island City Ride for Vets

Saturday May 2, 2020

Post 9 American Legion

302 E Sarnia, Winona MN 55987

9AM – Motorcycle registration

\$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger

10AM – Kickstands up!



Winona ALR Challenge Coins
Available \$10.00 each

Enjoy a ride through Scenic Southeastern MN, returning to a Brat or Hot Dog lunch.

Additional lunches may be purchased for \$5 each until gone.

Cash Raffle tickets, \$5.00 each, may be purchased up until drawing at 1:00 P.M. Prizes are 1st - \$500, 2nd & 3rd -\$250, 4th & 5th - \$100.

American Legion Rider shirts will be available for sale in the bar area before and after the ride.

All proceeds are donated to various veteran, children, and community causes throughout the year. We greatly appreciate your support. Email for questions:
Post9ALR@yahoo.com or Winona ALR Facebook page.





ALL YOU CAN EAT

FISH FRY

STEWARTVILLE AMERICAN LEGION

Fridays February 28th thru April 10th

5:30-7pm

DEEP FRIED AND BAKED COD WITH ALL
THE FIXIN'S

Only \$13

COME ON DOWN AND SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL LEGION