



# FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

## March 2021

### IMPORTANT DATES

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You can go to the Minnesota American Legion web site ([mnlegion.org](http://mnlegion.org)) and click on the COVID 19 link for a lot of information about the state mandates, contact information and links to important PDF information files.

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic all events are either put on hold or postponed to a later date.

Some posts might be opening up, depending on the Governor's mandate with COVID 19 rules in place, or curb side service only.

Please contact your post to see what the times and rules are.

Please keep making buddy check calls to make sure all of our fellow veterans are handling the lockdown.

Check out Commander Dale's article for a list of Upcoming events

### 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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## 2 From your District Commander

Greetings to the Mighty First District American Legion Family.

Thank You for your service to our country, and Thank you, our loyal supporters.

### REMEMBER

February 23, 1945. The US Flag raising on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima Japan!

We must keep planning to be able to move forward.

The District Convention is going to be At the Austin Post 91. May 21-22, 2021.

Elections are planned and if you desire an office let Wayne Hammon Jr know and get a letter of endorsement from your post.

Membership still needs work on the renewals and the 1982 and 1982AD list.

The District is in 5th place and the Department is in 5th place amongst the 55 departments. Our department Commander's goal is 92% by March 10th which by February 15th we are at 89.105%.

Membership is tied to delegate voting strength for department and National conventions. We all need strength!! When recruiting don't forget about the Legion act the 4-pillars and the American Legion programs. I had one member tell me the only reason he was renewing his membership was the programs the American Legion has.

The Department oratorical contest will be over by the time you read this.

Legion baseball may be back this year.

Girls. State is going to be virtual this year.

Boys state no for sure information at this time.

March 6th is the Appreciation Rally in La Crescent starting at 4:00 social.

March 25<sup>th</sup> is the First District rally in Blooming Prairie starting at 6:30 PM.

April 17<sup>th</sup> is Commander Dale testimonial in Dodge Center.

May 1st is President Wanda's testimonial in Stewartville.

Check the websites for information

[legion.org](http://legion.org). National

[mnlegion.org](http://mnlegion.org). Department

[mnmightyfirst.org](http://mnmightyfirst.org) District

Let's all pray for peace, unity, honor and respect.

Pray for our deployed troops and their families. We are all in this together. Continue to do the Buddy checks.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!

Dale Wellik

District Commander

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

To My American Legion Family,

In this past month or so, I've heard many people talk of how they're worried about our future, and it brings to mind a song that I heard awhile back by the name of "If you have time to worry, then you have time to pray."

In the Old Testament God says, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." God says, "Call upon me and I will hear your prayers." Many times in the Old and New Testaments we are called to be in prayer. We are not to worry about what will happen in the future, but we still need to be aware of what will and can happen.

We, as Americans and Legionnaires, need to be in prayer for our nation. In Psalm 34:17, it reads, "The righteous cry and the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles." If we would but seek the Lord in prayer, He will hear and answer our prayers. There are many things that might be worrisome to us today and in the future; but instead of worrying about it, take it to the Lord in prayer.

As we go about our daily lives try to remember to lift our nation in prayer, along with elected officials, and our armed forces personnel both here and abroad. Do a buddy check, help someone in need; be the force of our American Legion to all in need.

In departing I'd like to leave you with this bit of humor:

"I was mugged by 6 dwarfs, 'not Happy'!"

Until next month, Peace and Grace to You and Yours,

Larry H. Otto

1<sup>st</sup> District Chaplain

**American Legion and VFW Posts Urged to Contact County ASAP for COVID-19 Relief**

Minnesota American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts that did not receive a direct COVID-19 Business Relief Payment from the Minnesota Department of Revenue earlier this year are urged to contact their local county as soon as possible to determine if additional COVID-19 relief is available.

In December 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed a bi-partisan COVID-19 Business Relief package. The law provided funding for direct payments from the Department of Revenue to businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic that met specific eligibility requirements. The law also provided \$114,800,000 to counties. Each Minnesota county received a prorated appropriation based on population.

Each of Minnesota's 87 counties have set up their own grant program to provide economic relief to local businesses and non-profits adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each county is responsible for establishing its own application process and requirements for these business relief grants. Because each county can set up the program to best meet their local needs, Legions and VFW Posts that were not eligible for a direct COVID-19 Business Relief payment will need to contact their local county for information on how to apply for this funding.

It is very important to note that the law directs any unspent funding in this program to go back to the state's general fund on March 15, 2021, meaning Legions and VFW Posts will need to act soon.

We know that Minnesota's small businesses like yours have borne the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic, making sacrifices to protect your communities. We thank you for that sacrifice and know our communities are safer because of it.

Additional questions about this COVID-19 business relief should be directed to your local county.

For questions about direct COVID-19 business relief payments from the Department of Revenue, email [salesuse.tax@state.mn.us](mailto:salesuse.tax@state.mn.us) or call 800-657-3777.



***CONGRATULATIONS AMERICAN LEGION ON  
BEING 101 YEARS OLD THIS MARCH***

## FROM AREA ONE

It getting to be a lot like spring with more post opening with fish fries and planning rides and ditch clean up. We have made a lot of changes with online meetings trying to more open and accessible with all that we are working together for the better of the American legion veterans and family. The district has updated the district web page so now you put your new letter and events on it and that way you get information out to the rest of the American legion family members. We also at the district level are trying to work together so we can plan events that will not be trying to hurry from one event to another. So please use the mighty-first.org to post your events .Also for those who say they are not getting the information then please talk with your post officers and go to your post meetings remember it your duty as a member to go to them and also you can voice your wishes and tell the officers the direction of your post .If you don't show up to a meeting and state your ideas and concerns .So in closing remember what you put into the American legion is what you get out of the American legion so if you want change then go to meetings and the questions you want answers for if you don't get the answers you can go to our website and my legion .org we now have most of the information about the American legion that nobody can say I didn't know .So get involved make your voice heard go to meeting and get the answers you need from your post and district officers feel free to call any American legion officer and ask questions and together we can build a strong American Legion.

Area One Vice Commander

Mark A. Maloney III

## FROM AREA FOUR

Hello 1st District ,

Happy 101st Birthday to the American Legion on March 15th. Let's all try and find some small way to celebrate.

Membership, membership. membership. March 10th is the target date for 90%. Please get your renewals in as soon as possible. Let's push the 1st District into 1st place.

The Appreciation Rally in La Crescent is on March 6th. Please contact Sy Fix to see if any space is left. Due to Covid it is limited.

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Please watch for more information on the District Convention in May and the Department Convention. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Mary Hanson  
American Legion  
1st District Area 4

## FROM AREA TWO

Happy March 2021 Comrades,

After a call-out by Adjutant Mike Maxa, a few weeks ago I had the opportunity to testify before the Minnesota Senate Tax Committee on Property Tax Relief for Military Organizations such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. It was my privilege to jump in and do what I could to help move SF 259 forward. I would suggest each and everyone of you take time to find out what your Post pays in property tax and then put together your story before you contact your Legislators. Here's what I did to give you an idea.

I first talked with two Post members. Our Waseca Post 228 Bar/Gambling board chairman, Kent Schultz and then our Adjutant Gary Bohm. I was able to get the numbers from our Club, Gambling and Post. We also figured out the percentage of what we were down from 2019 income due to Covid-19. This is where you can really start telling the story. Our Club revenue was down 46%, our Post revenue was down close to half and Gambling was pretty much non-existent. I then got our property taxes paid in 2019 and put a plan together. I was able to talk about what Covid-19 did to our Posts income, but most importantly I was able to talk about what we could do with the money we spent on property taxes. For example, Waseca Post 228 spends approximately \$9000 a year in property taxes. I explained that we could use that money to offer 18-\$500 scholarships to the youth in the area. Based on the average utility bill in our area, we could help out upwards of 75 Veterans in need pay their utilities. So much could be accomplished if we had property tax relief.

So you see, if each Post would take time to look inside, develop a story about your community and surroundings that would help our Legislators understand what could be done with the passage of SF 259.

If you need any ideas, please contact me and I'll see what we can do together.

Smile, Spring is right around the corner



Mike Parry, Area T wo  
Vice Commander

## FROM AREA THREE

My wife and I both had COVID 19 at the same time the last week of Jan and the first week of Feb . If you haven't had it. It is not fun

Stay safe social distancing, washing hand, masks and BE SAFE.

Post membership, keep working on gaining and retaining your post member. Many of your post simply need to get a few of your unpaid member paid up and your post is one hundred percent in membership. Do this for your post to keep your post relevant as veteran service organization within your communities. As we move forward, it is my sincere hope everyone remains safe and healthy and 2021 brings a prosperous year for all. SEMPER FI

James Westby – Area Three Vice Commander

## **INFORMATION FROM EAGLES HEALING NEST**

Veterans, this is not an ask, this a tell. We are almost out of room at the Eagles Healing Nest and other Veterans facilities. They are working around the clock and taking in 4 to 7 Veterans from across the US and more being pushed on the street daily is leaving many desperate. We have buildings that can be made livable to house more but we do have the manpower or funds. This is getting across the country and it's getting worse. If you can help we need construction people, electrical, HVAC, painters, paint, building supplies and again funding. Please go to your local Legion, VFW, anyone who can help. If you find someone or resources, please call or PM me. We said we'd have our Brothers and Sisters backs. Check on your local Veterans NOW!!! This lockdown is hitting them HARD!!! Make sure they are Okay. That is where this is. If you don't see it, open your eyes, it's time we hold up our end of the bargain.

This article was sent to me by Tim Burley who is the Commander of the Hutchinson American Legion Post in Hutchinson, MN. He is very active in Veteran help and assistance programs and is very dedicated to this endeavor.

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## 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 64 dedicated monuments and 76 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. Three benches have already been promised. Fundraising efforts are ongoing 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.

Groundwork for the monument will begin Spring 2021 with the hopes of dedicating this meaningful gift Fall of 2021.

Please send your donations to: CPL Curtis M Swenson Memorial Fund  
 Attention; MN Gold Star Monument Committee  
 4520 58<sup>th</sup> LN NW  
 Rochester, MN 55901

Direct questions to: Scott Eggert 507-993-2414 or  
 Dave Swenson 507-206-8479

Thank you for your continued support of our Military, Veterans and Their Families



## The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2021 Membership Report as of Feb 25, 2021

Dist	Post	Location	New 2021	PUFL 2021	Online 2021	Trad 2021	Paid 2021	HQ Trans 2021	Total Membr 2021	Goal 2021	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2020	Last yr at this dae
1	9	Winona	3	31	59	391	484	1	485	536	90.49%	0	518
1	90	Lewiston	3	8	4	55	70	0	70	69	101.45%	0	67
1	190	St Charles	5	19	13	92	129	3	132	133	99.25%	1	122
1		<b>Winona County</b>					683	4	687	738	93.09%		707
1	50	Wabasha	0	48	21	137	206	0	206	221	93.21%	0	209
1	110	Lake City	4	17	15	99	135	0	135	157	85.99%	0	131
1	179	Plainview	0	28	21	93	142	0	142	159	89.31%	0	152
1	546	Kellogg	0	9	0	51	60	0	60	63	95.24%	0	60
1	573	Elgin	0	2	3	20	25	0	25	29	86.21%	0	27
1	579	Millville	0	22	25	103	150	0	150	148	101.35%	0	176
1	588	Mazeppa	1	9	1	54	65	1	66	72	91.67%	0	69
1		<b>Wabsha County</b>					783	1	784	849	92.34%		824
1	92	Rochester	6	91	132	551	780	4	784	905	86.63%	11	836
1	119	Byron	2	17	18	87	124	0	124	133	93.23%	0	121
1	164	Stewartville	3	26	33	212	274	0	274	303	90.43%	0	292
1	446	Rochester	1	2	4	8	15	0	15	20	75.00%	1	16
1	551	Eyota	2	22	24	123	171	1	172	186	92.47%	1	177
1		<b>Olmsted County</b>					1364	14	1378	1547	89.08%		1442
1		<b>Area One</b>					2830	19	2849	3134	90.91%		2973
1	295	West Concord	0	8	2	35	45	0	45	65	69.23%	0	61
1	330	Hayfield	0	18	20	138	176	0	176	199	88.44%	0	188
1	333	Kasson	4	34	37	176	251	0	251	264	95.08%	0	253
1	384	Dodge Center	1	8	6	60	75	0	75	78	96.15%	0	74
1	422	Claremont	1	2	3	23	29	0	29	27	107.41%	0	27
1		<b>Dodge County</b>					576	0	576	633	91.00%		603
1	52	Blooming Prairie	1	16	5	65	87	0	87	94	92.55%	0	92
1	77	Owatonna	4	53	44	309	410	0	410	460	89.13%	0	445
1	296	Ellendale	1	3	3	28	35	0	35	39	89.74%	0	35
1		<b>Steel County</b>					532	0	532	593	89.71%		572
1	75	New Richland	0	8	1	40	49	0	49	48	102.08%	0	46
1	228	Waseca	4	21	25	230	280	1	281	310	90.65%	0	295
1	281	Janesville	1	9	9	68	87	0	87	88	98.86%	0	85
1	587	Waldorf	1	0	1	19	21	0	21	22	95.45%	0	21
1		<b>Waseca County</b>					437	1	438	468	93.59%	0	447
		<b>Area Two</b>					1545	1	1546	1694	91.26%	0	1622

1	40	Lanesboro	1	13	14	80	108	0	108	107	100.93%	0	112
1	68	Spring Valley	0	8	1	63	72	0	72	76	94.74%	0	75
1	81	Harmony	1	2	0	27	30	0	30	32	93.75%	0	30
1	94	Rushford	0	14	12	67	93	0	93	116	80.17%	0	92
1	166	Preston	0	18	3	29	50	0	50	61	81.97%	1	61
1	197	Chatfield	0	2	1	36	39	0	39	45	86.67%	0	44
1	299	Mabel	5	31	15	105	156	0	156	165	94.55%	0	162
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	16	16	1	17	16	106.25%	1	17
1	400	Canton	2	0	1	16	19	0	19	18	105.56%	0	18
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	13	13	0	13	14	92.86%	0	14
1	526	Peterson	0	4	0	29	33	0	33	39	84.62%	0	35
1	544	Ostrander	0	2	1	19	22	0	22	24	91.67%	0	23
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	10	10	0	10	7	142.86%	0	7
1		<b>Fillmore County</b>					661	1	662	720	91.94%	0	690
1	191	Caledonia	1	17	14	100	132	0	132	150	88.00%	0	145
1	249	Spring Grove	0	15	14	114	143	0	143	151	94.70%	0	135
1	423	Houston	0	8	12	75	95	0	95	101	94.06%	0	98
1	498	Hokah	1	1	2	14	18	0	18	22	81.82%	0	21
1	595	LaCrescent	0	47	39	158	244	0	244	273	89.38%	0	259
1		<b>Houston County</b>					632	0	632	697	90.67%	0	658
1		<b>Area Three</b>					1293	1	1294	1417	91.32%	0	1348
1	56	Albert Lea	2	41	57	398	498	2	500	543	92.08%	1	521
1	264	Glenville	0	9	2	57	68	0	68	70	97.14%	0	69
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	13	100.00%	0	13
1	317	Emmons	0	3	2	40	45	0	45	53	84.91%	0	53
1	404	Alden	0	4	15	65	84	0	84	106	79.25%	0	103
1	552	Freeborn	0	5	2	22	29	0	29	33	87.88%	0	29
1		<b>Freeborn County</b>					737	2	739	818	90.34%	0	788
1	91	Austin	2	56	43	346	447	8	455	502	90.64%	3	478
1	105	Lyle	0	8	7	65	80	0	80	84	95.24%	0	80
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	2	5	34	41	0	41	41	100.00%	0	41
1	146	Adams	1	20	15	110	146	0	146	187	78.07%	0	176
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	7	39	50	0	50	52	96.15%	0	49
1	570	Austin Spam	0	0	3	12	15	0	15	15	100.00%	1	14
1		<b>Mower County</b>					779	7	787	881	89.33%	0	838
1		<b>Area Four</b>					1519	7	1526	1699	89.82%	0	1626
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0.00%	0	0
1		<b>District Totals</b>	64	866	816	5438	7184	22	7206	8009	89.97%	21	7570

**FIRST DISTRICT VICE COMANNDER STANDINGS AS OF 2—25 -2021**

		Vice Commanders											
		Area One					2830	19	2849	3134	90.91%	0	2973
		Area Two					1545	1	1546	1694	91.26%	0	1622
		Area Three					1293	1	1294	1417	91.32%	0	1348
		Area Four					1519	7	1526	1699	89.82%	0	1626

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA 2021 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 2-25--21**

Dist	Rank												
1	5th	Dale Wellik	64	866	816	5438	7184	22	7206	8009	89.97%	21	7570
2	8th	Bradley Pagel	51	655	507	4311	5524	14	5538	6189	89.48%	5	5893
3	1st	Linda Dvorak	131	1571	1754	6727	10,183	102	10,285	10,938	94.03%	127	10,408
4	9th	Joseph Jansen	25	289	306	1213	1833	15	1848	2,091	88.38%	26	1996
5	10th	Wade A. Larson	16	309	386	1042	1753	0	1753	2164	81.01%	7	1996
6	7th	Paul D. Edwards	117	1112	1170	7019	9418	74	9492	10,598	89.56%	26	10002
7	2nd	Dean Knutson	36	706	436	4013	5191	48	5239	5,646	92.79%	52	5304
8	6th	D Marvin Hill	27	320	403	2465	3215	14	3229	3591	89.92%	13	3413
9	3rd	Steven Sundstrom	51	554	624	4176	5405	61	5466	5953	91.82%	19	5583
10	4th	Thomas H. Allen	106	916	1436	5417	7875	28	7903	8780	90.01%	25	8349
99			11	181	482	1404	2078	0	2078	2997	69.34%	0	1828
<b>To-</b>	<b>tals</b>		<b>635</b>	<b>7479</b>	<b>8320</b>	<b>43,225</b>	<b>59,659</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>60,037</b>	<b>66,956</b>	<b>89.67%</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>62,342</b>


**FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

**Please keep working both the 1982 and 1982 AD lists found in the My Legion Post site if your post is signed up. If your post is not signed up please try and get signed up. There is a lot of great help for membership recruitment to be found there. Also do not forget about the expired member lists which are there too.. If you need help , contact the District Adjutant, he knows how to get your post signed up and use the site.**

**Myron Ehrich - First District Membership Director**

Memorial Day is coming so if you visit a cemetery don't remove the coins as they have meaning.

## THE MEANING OF COINS ON A HEADSTONE




A penny, you stopped and paid your respects.



A nickle, you attended bootcamp with them



A dime, you served in the armed forces with them



A quarter, you were with the soldier when they were killed

**IF YOU WONDERED WHY WE DO NOT WALK BETWEEN OR "BREAK" THE COLORS AT LEGION EVENTS, THIS IS THE REASON WHY.**



### This Is Hallowed Ground

#### Why You Don't Walk Between The Colors

Between the flags that proudly fly  
Let no one dare to stand  
For here our fallen comrades lie,  
We call it Hallowed Ground.  
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;  
Here let us ever humbly pause  
In Memory of the ones who fell  
In fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea or land these buddies died.  
Some lie beneath a foreign sod  
In graves caressed by winds and tide,  
In spots unknown to all but God.  
And so this place is Hallowed Ground.  
And it shall be forever blessed,  
As though it were a grassy mound  
Beneath which gallant heroes rest

Be ever watchful, Legionnaire.  
Of those two flags which signify  
That we should guard this spot with care  
Where our departed comrades lie.  
And, if a man should dare to tread  
This spot where lie our gallant brave,  
He desecrates those noble dead  
As tho he walked upon their grave.

# FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

March Newsletter

Hard to believe we have cycled a year of Covid 19! How everything has changed in some way for all of us. Hopefully many of you have had your first vaccine, some maybe their second and others are patiently waiting! I'm hoping you will invite me to one of your meetings when you are comfortable with meeting again.

Remember March is Community Service month! Our Units will be finding new/ different ways to help within their individual communities. We all have something we can share or be part of in our community.

Girls State this year will be held virtually week of June 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. Your Unit Presidents have the info as well as the school Guidance Counselor in your area. If you have a daughter, granddaughter or some young lady you know, encourage them to participate.

Membership through 2/17<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> District is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at 83.85% in Department! Membership is at 3349 to last year's 3687 down 338 members. Membership chairs have worked hard to get the membership we have to date.

Thank you! It is never too late to turn in membership if you haven't!

Thank you to the Units who have sold their tickets and more for the Quilt Raffle for the 1<sup>st</sup> District Project for our Veterans at the VA!

Remember: This year's ALA Week of Caring & Sharing. A time specifically designated for checking in with every possible unit member-current and former week of April 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. As ALA members, we pledge to be there for our nation's veterans, military, and their families. We must also be there for each other. It's what the American Legion Auxiliary has done for more than a century. We can't stop, not even in times like these - when what we do matters even more.

President Wanda



# Picture of the Quilt President Wanda is raffling off





## 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 27, 2021 at the LeRoy Community Center, 204 West Main Street, LeRoy, MN 55951 for the purpose of:

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

Registration will start at 9:00 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, Taylor McElroy will call the conference to order at 10:30 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.

2021 Department Poppy Contest entries may be brought the day of the Conference.

1. **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.
2. **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"
3. **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".
4. **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
5. **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".
6. **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

## First District Auxiliary Membership Report for Feb 17, 2021

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Precent	Left
9	Winona	141	70	1	71	50.35%	70
90	Lewiston	36	32	0	32	88.89%	4
190	St Charles	51	33	10	43	84.31%	8
50	Wabasha	110	86	2	88	80.00%	22
110	Lake City	64	57	1	58	90.63%	6
179	Plainview	120	93	14	107	89.17%	13
546	Kellogg	110	84	6	90	81.82%	20
573	Elgin	13	13	0	13	100.00%	0
579	Millville	51	42	1	43	84.31%	8
588	Mazeppa	37	34	1	35	94.59%	2
92	Rochester	136	100	10	110	80.88%	26
119	Byron	41	21	1	22	53.66%	19
164	Stewartville	175	156	4	160	91.43%	15
551	Eyota	97	89	2	91	93.81%	6
<b>Pod One Total</b>		<b>1182</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>81.47%</b>	<b>219</b>
295	West Concord	32	21	0	21	65.63%	11
330	Hayfield	173	142	1	143	82.66%	30
333	Kasson	135	124	3	127	94.07%	8
384	Dodge Center	64	55	0	55	85.94%	9
422	Claremont	20	1	19	20	100.00%	0
52	Blooming Prairie	91	74	1	75	82.42%	16
77	Owatonna	111	86	8	94	84.68%	17
75	New Richland	45	38	2	40	88.89%	5
228	Waseca	240	195	1	196	81.67%	44
587	Waldorf	21	18	0	18	85.71%	3
<b>Pod Two Totals</b>		<b>932</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>84.66%</b>	<b>143</b>

**1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership as  
of Feb 17, 2021 continued**

40	Lanesboro	97	72	8	80	82.47%	17
68	Spring Valley	39	37	0	37	94.87%	2
81	Harmony	52	37	8	45	86.54%	7
94	Rushford	45	32	1	33	73.33%	12
197	Chatfield	30	25	0	25	83.33%	5
299	Mabel	116	84	11	95	81.90%	21
369	Wykoff	17	16	0	16	94.12%	1
526	Peterson	46	43	1	44	95.65%	2
544	Ostrander	14	12	0	12	85.71%	2
637	Whalen	21	17	0	17	80.95%	4
191	Caledonia	75	67	0	67	89.33%	8
249	Spring Grove	109	85	4	89	81.65%	20
423	Houston	126	102	3	105	83.33%	21
498	Hokah	18	17	0	17	94.44%	1
595	LaCrescent	171	141	2	143	83.63%	28
<b>Pod Three Totals</b>		<b>976</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>84.53%</b>	<b>151</b>
56	Albert Lea	285	218	7	225	78.95%	60
264	Glenville	90	89	3	92	102.22%	-2
404	Alden	43	33	2	35	81.40%	8
552	Freeborn	62	57	0	57	91.94%	5
91	Austin	134	100	4	104	77.61%	30
105	Lyle	52	47	5	52	100.00%	0
140	Grand Meadow	65	60	0	60	92.31%	5
146	Adams	127	113	0	113	88.98%	14
161	Leroy	46	34	0	34	73.91%	12
<b>Pod Four Totals</b>		<b>904</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>85.40%</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>3994</b>	<b>3202</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3349</b>	<b>83.85%</b>	<b>645</b>

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Bulletin #18

2/17/2021

2021 Membership

## RENEW - RECRUIT - REJOIN


Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem

2/19/2020

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year	Difference from Last Year
One	48	3,994	33	3,349	83.85%	3,687	338
Two	73	4,015	97	3,364	83.79%	3,736	372
Three	47	3,870	33	3,202	82.74%	3,594	392
Four	7	581	5	485	83.48%	541	56
Five	7	572	2	440	76.92%	528	88
Six	63	5,170	75	4,305	83.27%	4,759	454
Seven	60	3,197	87	2,618	81.89%	2,938	320
Eight	25	1,302	5	1,066	81.87%	1,175	109
Nine	49	3,445	40	2,881	83.63%	3,147	266
Ten	44	3,978	25	3,366	84.62%	3,710	344
1982 Dept	1	193	5	198	102.59%	188	-10
<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>30,317</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>25,274</b>	<b>83.37%</b>	<b>28,003</b>	<b>2,729</b>
<b>Group 1 (Even)</b> <i>Patti Coleman</i>	212	15,046	207	12,586	83.65%	13,921	1,335
<b>Group 2 (Odd)</b> <i>Mary Kuperus</i>	211	15,078	195	12,490	82.84%	13,894	1,404



### RANKINGS

<b>10th</b> 76.92% <b>District 5</b>	<b>9th</b> 81.87% <b>District 8</b>	<b>8th</b> 81.89% <b>District 7</b>	<b>7th</b> 82.74% <b>District 3</b>	<b>6th</b> 83.27% <b>District 6</b>	<b>5th</b> 83.48% <b>District 4</b>	<b>4th</b> 83.63% <b>District 9</b>	<b>3rd</b> 83.79% <b>District 2</b>	<b>2nd</b> 83.85% <b>District 1</b>	<b>1st</b> 84.62% <b>District 10</b>
									

## Newsletter Article

### Membership Chairman

The First District is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at 83.85%. There are quite a few units that still must work hard to get to 100%. Please continue to work hard at contacting members and keeping their interest. It is hard in this time in the world and we must keep in contact with the all Legion Family members. Making sure they are doing well and staying healthy. Please continue to work hard and keep membership coming in.

I pray everyone is staying healthy in these hard times. Thank you for all you do for the Auxiliary.

Tonia Bettermann, Membership Chairman

**Time has been flying! It's March already! I would like to wish everyone a Happy ST Paddy's Day and just remind all of you about the First District Jr Conference on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> in LeRoy just a few weeks away. ( See the Jr conference Call to Convention in this newsletter.)**

**I would like to get our junior members out in to the community. For an example we are building a new Veterans Memorial in LeRoy and that would be a great opportunity to help out with the upkeep.**

**I plan on continuing Kassy's project, Believeet Service Dogs This project is a way to raise money to help pay for the service dogs that go out to veterans in need.**

**Remember if you want to donate to my project, the checks need to made out to: The First District ALA with The District Honorary Jr President's project in the memo line and sent to Audrey Farnsworth at: 302 1st St E, Stewartville, MN 55976**

**Taylor McElroy—First District Honorary Jr Auxiliary President**

## SOME INFORMATION ON BELIEVET SERVICE DOGS

### OUR PROGRAM

#### **The Need**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs conducted a broad survey of recent veterans to gain better insight on their overall health. In raw numbers, it is estimated that a sobering 500,000 troops from the Gulf Wars alone have been diagnosed with PTSD, according to Miriam Reisman ("PTSD Treatment for Veterans: What's Working, What's New, and What's Next," U.S. National Library of Medicine, 2016). PTSD can be described as a mental health condition that may result from experiencing or witnessing trauma. Symptoms include flashbacks, nightmares, severe anxiety, depression, and confusion. This condition—often accompanied by major depression and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI)—can make it difficult, if not impossible, to meet the normal demands of daily life. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 20 deployed veterans die by suicide every day in the United States (Office of Suicide Prevention, "Suicide Among Veterans and Other Americans, 2001–2014," 2016).

#### **Our Response**

Trained service dogs can provide an essential source of security, affection, and connection for our veterans. Believeet™ dogs are custom-trained for mobility and psychiatric tasks. They can wake a veteran from a nightmare, ease their anxiety in a crowded public place, and provide comfort through companionship and physical contact. Our dogs also help keep veterans on a schedule because the dogs need care and attention on a regular basis.

These is a growing body of research and clinical evidence supporting the value of service dogs. Despite this, neither the Veterans Health Administration nor most private insurers pay for or provide reimbursement for psychiatric service dogs for people diagnosed with PTSD. Believeet™ provides highly trained service dogs, free of charge, to disabled veterans, helping them to lead more productive, independent lives. A service dog provides a sense of security, greater independence, non-judgmental acceptance, affection, physical assistance, and peace of mind.

#### **Our Dogs**

Believeet™ service dogs transform the lives of veterans and their families. The dogs come from shelters, rescue groups, and generous individuals. The training process for the service dogs is as follows:

1. Over the course of 18 months, Believeet™ cares for and trains our service dogs to become ADA-approved and certified. During this time the dogs live with a foster family.
2. Believeet™ matches a veteran with a service dog and provides additional training tailored to the veteran's individual needs. Together, the veteran and service dog participate in 120 hours of training, including public access training and testing. Believeet™ provides all equipment free of charge.
3. Graduation! Once training is complete, the dog and veteran graduate. The Believeet™ service dog goes to live with the veteran.

#### **Our Facility**

Believeet™'s training facility is located on 12 acres just 3 miles outside of Northfield, Minnesota, (45 minutes south of Minneapolis). Our facility is heated and air-conditioned, and includes indoor and outdoor training spaces, and fenced outdoor airing yards. We can accommodate a maximum of 25 dogs at capacity.

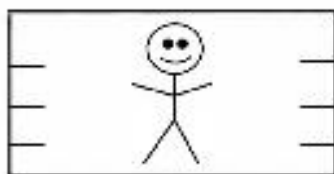
**For more information check out their website at: [believeet.org](http://believeet.org)**

# How to make a *Face Mask*

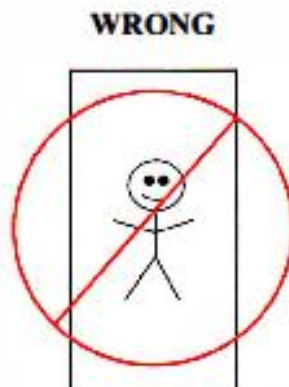
You will need a cotton fabric, any print for adult: 100% cotton, tightly woven fabric is preferred. Cotton flannel for the backing is preferred, though a different print of standard cotton is accepted.  
 1/8" flat braided elastic  
 Cut the elastic 7" long

## Adult face mask (9"x6")

1. Put right sides of cotton and flannel fabric together.
2. Starting at the center of bottom edge sew to the first corner, stop. Sew end of elastic to corner. A few stitches forward and back will hold this.
3. Sew to the next corner, stop, and bring the other end of that same elastic to the corner and sew a few stitches forward and back.
4. Now sew across that top of the mask to the next corner. And repeat #2 to the corner.
5. Sew to next corner and sew in the other end of the same elastic.
6. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out
7. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask to create pleats. Make sure the tucks are the same direction.
8. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.



**RIGHT**



adapted from pattern by

**TURBAN PROJECT** 501 c3



Full Tutorial on their Facebook and Website

# CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

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

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

**Question:** Why change ALA membership eligibility?

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

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

**Q: How can this change help ALA membership?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A:** We anticipate taking applications on Sept. 1.

# AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THIS IS THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



## American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families doing well. I hope you were able to weather the bitter cold our area experienced recently. I like to kid people that it's weather like this which separates the locals from the tourists!

Just a reminder that the Detachment Spring Conference is coming up March 13 at North St. Paul Post 39.

Our district convention is quickly approaching, the date of that is May 1st at the Austin Legion Post. We will be voting on a revised set of Bylaws and Constitution so the participation of all the squadrons in the district is needed.

If you ever thought of becoming an officer at the district level we would love to hear from you, the convention is where it happens. If you have any questions about the duties or how to become a district level SAL officer please contact me or one of the other officers listed on this page.

I am thrilled to announce that SAL Squadron 191 in Caledonia is active again with 5 paid members so far. All it takes is sending a letter or an email to an expired member asking them to consider renewing their membership with the SAL. There was a reason why they became a member in the first place. I understand if a member cannot be very active with their squadron. But first things first, at least renew or join the SAL.

Vaccines are starting to be administered and businesses opening up again. I urge you to go and support them along with our Posts. Be safe and patient as they negotiate the hurdles this pandemic has caused. If you can volunteer some time with a Post/SAL event or at least come for their food night offering it is greatly appreciated. Every bit helps.

Thank you again to our veterans, for we ARE the United States of America!

Brian Tomashek - Eastside Vice Commander

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## FIRST DISTRICT SAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR FEB 25, 2021

1st District SAL Membersh									
Sqdrn.	Location	2020 Results 6/27/20	2021 Goal	105%	Total at Dept	Rally Turn In	Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
9	Winona	85	89	94	132		132	148.31%	11/3/2020
40	Lanesboro	62	65	69	58		58	89.23%	
50	Wabasha	10	11	12	8		8	72.73%	
52	Blooming Prairie	41	43	46	33		33	76.74%	
56	Albert Lea	122	126	133	105		105	83.33%	
75	New Richland	0	5	6	0		0	0.00%	
77	Owatonna	122	126	133	76		76	60.32%	
90	Lewiston	47	49	52	44		44	89.80%	
91	Austin	64	67	71	34		34	50.75%	
92	Rochester	122	126	133	68		68	53.97%	
94	Rushford	24	25	27	8		8	32.00%	
105	Lyle	26	28	30	24		24	85.71%	
119	Byron	39	41	44	27		27	65.85%	
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161	Le Roy	40	43	46	34		34	79.07%	
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166	Preston	44	46	49	41		41	89.13%	
179	Plainview	13	14	15	13		13	92.86%	
190	St. Charles	12	13	14	11		11	84.62%	
191	Caledonia	0	5	6	5		5	100.00%	1/26/2021
228	Waseca	105	109	115	87		87	79.82%	
249	Spring Grove	0	5	6	0		0	0.00%	
264	Glenville	46	48	51	46		46	95.83%	
266	Hartland	10	11	12	12		12	109.09%	8/18/2020
281	Janesville	7	8	9	7		7	87.50%	
299	Mabel	15	16	17	11		11	68.75%	
317	Emmons	41	43	46	31		31	72.09%	
330	Hayfield	34	36	38	26		26	72.22%	
333	Kasson	37	39	41	38		38	97.44%	
384	Dodge Center	10	11	12	8		8	72.73%	
404	Alden	57	60	63	55		55	91.67%	
423	Houston	15	16	17	16		16	100.00%	10/27/2020
446	Rochester	10	16	17	34		34	212.50%	10/21/2020
546	Kellogg	17	18	19	15		15	83.33%	
551	Eyota	35	37	39	23		23	62.16%	
552	Freeborn	27	29	31	25		25	86.21%	
573	Elgin	3	5	6	0		0	0.00%	
579	Millville	28	30	32	1		1	3.33%	
595	La Crescent	74	76	80	59		59	77.63%	
1111	Dakota	59	75	79	0		0	0.00%	
Totals		1703	1818	1929	1382	0	1382	76.02%	

## INFORMATION FROM YOUR SAL ADVISOR

Just a quick update for everyone....

1. Chuck Stone will be running for 1st District SAL Commander for 2021-2022.
2. Brian Tomasheck is running for East Side Vice Commander 2021-2022.
3. Bill Goede is running for Finance Officer 2021-2022.
4. Tim Weaver is running for Detachment Commander 2021-2022.
5. Gary Weaver is running for Department 1st and 3rd Vice Commander 2021-2022.
6. I have asked to be reappointed District SAL Advisor-2021-2022.
7. Gene Ludtke is running for District SAL Finance Officer 2021—2022

One thing we need to explain to Squadrons is if they don't meet on a regular basis or don't elect officers, we need one contact person for the Squadron. That way if District, Detachment, or National have questions, there is someone they can contact. It also gives us someone we can send Detachment and District mailings to.

Right now, we are still looking for the following Elected Offices: Westside Vice Commander and Chaplain. As far as I know, no one to my knowledge has stepped up for the Appointed positions- (Chuck -correct me if I am wrong.) Adjutant, Historian, Judge Advocate, SGT at Arms, and Membership Director.

If anyone is interested in staying on or is interested in being considered, please let Chuck know. Any member who is in Good Standing can run for an Elected Office or be appointed to a position.

Thank you for all the hard work everyone is doing in these trying times.

If I can be of assistance, please let me know.

**Brian**  
**1st District SAL Advisor**  
**2019-2021**



## 2021 FIRST DISTRICT SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CALL TO CONVENTION

To all Squadrons of the First District.

By the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Minnesota, I, Greg Lemmer, First District SAL Commander, do here by call a Convention of the First District Sons of the American Legion to convene at Austin American Legion Post 91 located at 809 12<sup>th</sup> St SW in Austin, MN on Saturday May 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

The purpose of this Convention is to elect a District Commander, two (2) District Vice Commanders, a District Chaplain, a District Finance Officer and to conduct such business of the First District Sons of the American Legion that may properly come before the Convention.

The voting strength of each Squadron will be, as provided in the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws, based upon the Membership certified to the District Commander by the Detachment Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Squadron Delegates and Alternates to:

1<sup>st</sup> District SAL Adjutant  
Dave Bilderback  
4409 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

All District SAL Members are urged to attend.

Greg Lemmer  
1<sup>st</sup> District SAL Commander

SAL Delegate certification to the First District SAL Convention in Austin, MN on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Squadron _____	_____ MN
Delegates	Alternates
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____
6. _____	6. _____

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Adjutant Squadron # \_\_\_\_\_



Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Minnesota  
David A Vulcan  
Detachment Commander

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 and Section 2, I, David A Vulcan, Detachment Commander do hereby call for a Detachment Spring Conference to be held at American Legion Post 39, North St Paul, Minnesota on Saturday, 13 March 2021 at 9:00am.

In addition, the detachment finance committee will meet on Friday, 12 March 2021 at 7:00pm.

The executive committee meeting will take place on Friday, 12 March 2021 at 8:00pm.

Commander Vulcan called for a casual dress code, however, no jeans please.

Attest:

*Dennis J Henkemeyer*

Dennis J Henkemeyer  
Detachment Adjutant

**Registration information:**

**SAL Squadron 39  
Mickey Ostrum  
2678 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
North Saint Paul MN 55109**

**Cell Phone: (612) 224-4946**

**Mickey can usually be found at the Post from 11:00am until 1:00pm  
(651) 777-3708 (extension 207)**

**Registration is \$15.00 and includes the meal on Saturday at noon.**

**Hotel information:**

<b>Best Western Regency Plaza Hotel 970 Helena Avenue North Oakdale MN 651-578-8466</b>	<b>Emerald Inn 2025 County Road D Maplewood MN 651-777-8131</b>
<b>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites 1100 County Road E Vadnais Heights MN 651-484-2400</b>	<b>Fairfield Inn &amp; Suites 1125 County Road E. East Vadnais Heights MN 651-797-3008</b>

**2021 Detachment Spring Conference Registration Form**

**Name:**

**District:**

**Squadron:**

**Please include your registration fee of \$15.00 payable to:**

**North Saint Paul Squadron 38**



**HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY to all!!**

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Eyota American Legion Post.

We will be discussing new officers, May 1<sup>st</sup> Convention (Austin) and other activities we may be able to move ahead with.

Please pass the word to your fellow ALR members!

## **2021 First District American Legion Rider Convention Call**

To all American Legion Rider Chapters of the First District:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and by-laws of the American Legion Riders, Department of Minnesota, I Roe Naylor, First District ALR Director, do hereby call a convention meeting of the First District ALR to be held at the Austin American Legion at 1 PM, on Saturday, May 1<sup>ST</sup> 2021.

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

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

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

First District ALR Director

Roe Naylor



# Join us at Kasson American Legion Post 333

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



## BURGER NIGHT

Support local organizations. Serving various Fridays throughout the month beginning at 5:30 pm.

## TACO TUESDAYS are BACK!

Serving from 5-7 pm. Stop in for a quick bite, or call ahead for take-out!

HAPPY HOUR  
3-6 PM  
MONDAY-FRIDAY



## DRINK SPECIALS

MORGAN MONDAY  
TACO TUESDAY  
WINDSOR WEDNESDAY  
THURSDAY TITO'S  
RED FRIDAY  
SELTZER SATURDAY  
AND BLOODY MARY'S

For more information on these and other events check our facebook page (Kasson American Legion Post 333) or better yet, send an email to [kalpost333@gmail.com](mailto:kalpost333@gmail.com) asking to be added to our distribution list. You will receive our newsletter and announcements.

## LIVER FEED

Includes fried potatoes, onions and a bun.

Not a liver lover?  
Enjoy hamburger steak!  
\$9.00 per person

Proceeds go to Legion Marching Unit

Saturday, March 20th, 5 p.m.

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

## SAL FISH FRY



\$9.00  
Fish &  
French Fries  
All You  
Can Eat!

Proceeds go toward scholarships and other SAL projects  
Thank you for following all safety protocols.

Friday, April 2nd, 5:30 p.m.

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

