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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On the last page of this newsletter you will find the three (3) applications for the Legion Family.

Please print off that page of the newsletter and care the applications with you in case you run across someone who is not a member. Remember, **“all you have to do is ask.”**

IMPORTANT DATES

**March 12, 2022—
Department Appreciation
Rally at Forest Lake, MN**

**March 19, 2022—The
First District Auxiliary Jr
Conference –Glenville,
Post 264. more info in the
Jr call to conference else-
where in the newsletter.**

**March 26, 2022 - West
side Educational Rally in
Ellendale Community
Center , Ellendale , MN .
We will be collecting food
for the local food shelf
More info can be found
in the Vice Commander
and Membership articles.**

**The location addresses
and time can be found on
the events page of this
newsletter.**

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

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Greetings 1st District Legion Family,

Greetings Comrades',

I've noticed the whispers around the American Legions growing as Convention time is right around the corner. "Hey, whose running for Commander, the Vice's, Chaplain" and so on. Or maybe you're hearing, "Who can we get to fill these positions?" I would ask you to think of the following question. "Who do I know that has demonstrated leadership qualities in their personal & professional lives?" When you think you've found a person then do a check-list of the following five leadership qualities.

Effective leaders focus on developing their emotional intelligence. Leaders that work to refine this quality are more adaptive, resilient, and accepting of feedback from others. They are also effective listeners and open to change. They set goals, prioritize goals, and take responsibility for accomplishing them. Also, take responsibility for falling short of your stated goals or making mistakes along the way. The Leader will focus on the big picture, avoid distractions, and don't get bogged down by small, tactical details. You'll find that they set boundaries between their personal and professional lives. Remembering that their organization will follow their lead. The leader will be aware of his/her strengths, weaknesses, and any potential sources of bias that may impact his/her thinking and decision-making. The leader will focus on developing others and has a flexible mindset and be willing to try new ideas. Leaders are ethical and civic-minded. Leaders use their power and authority appropriately. Remembering the old saying: Honesty is the best policy and to be open, transparent, and authentic. Leaders take responsibility for your actions and mistakes and are humble in successes.

Take your time, give the energy to research, then go ask that person if they will lead. It works!

God Bless America. God Bless all Veterans and all serving our Country!

Mike Parry

CHANGES COMING FOR THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

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

A WORD FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR / AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Hello Legionnaires,

Our next target date is 3-9-2022 at 90%. Currently, the 1st District is at 89.05%. There are 23 posts at 90% or higher. Just an increase of one post from last week.

I had really hoped to see more posts hit 100%. We now have three, Adams, Lake City and Lyle. At this point in the membership year we should have more posts at 100% or higher. We need all posts at 100% or higher to turn membership around. I know this is a big ask.

Look for members everywhere. On the bus to the VA, look for people wearing baseball caps showing their service. They must be proud of it or they wouldn't wear them. Wear your cover out and about, a good conversation starter. Look for newly retired people that now have time to give to the American Legion. Reserve and National Guard members need to be approached. Have an open house at your post and publicize it. There are a lot of veterans that now qualify due to The Legion Act. Veterans are waiting to be asked. And at the same time look for new members for the Sons, Auxiliary and Riders.

I am also, the Americanism Chair for the District. So I am going to add information about the CPR. The paper copy of Consolidated Post Report has recently been sent to post adjutants. The online report is not available on my legion yet. The reporting period is 12 months from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. The report is used to capture your post activity. This information will be combined with that of all posts Legion wide and is used by the National Commander when he testifies before congress on behalf of all veterans.

I received an email from the department Americanism Chair showing that 3 posts in the district have already mailed in their CPR's. We have 4 months to go in the reporting period. PLEASE, wait until we are closer to the end of the reporting period to send in the report so all activities are captured. If you mail in the report, remember to keep a copy. If it is lost, you will need to resubmit it. The 1st District has had 100% participation the last 3 years.

On March 8 at 10:00 am eastern time the National Commander will be testifying before Congress. This is where your CPR comes in. You can go to Legion.org to watch the livestream. Also, a very good 18 minute video on you tube discussing the legislative priorities is available. You can find this under American Legion 2022 Legislative Priorities. I highly recommend that you watch it. See page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

As the posts are gearing up for elections, the officers list needs to be filled out and sent in. Each post is required to send a copy to the 1st District Adjutant, Wayne Hammon Jr. This needs to be sent even if your officers do not change for next year.

Let's work together to make this a successful year.

Thank you,

Mary Hanson
1st District Membership Director



!!!!!!! ATTENTION LEGIONAIRES !!!!!!!

PLEASE READ AND TRY TO WATCH

This is what your membership and sending in reports does, it helps the National Commander prepare to testify in front of congress to ensure your veteran rights remain



By Paul E. Dillard, National Commander
FEB 23, 2022

Though the [2022 American Legion Washington Conference](#) will not be the massive gathering that we have enjoyed prior to the pandemic, members of the nation's largest veterans organization can expect meaningful results to arise from our virtual advocacy.

[The legislative agenda that The American Legion presents to the second session of the 117th Congress](#) is ambitious and timely. And in many ways, it is overdue.

Veterans exposed to toxic burn pits have waited far too long for the presumption of service connection to be established. The American Legion urges Congress to pass legislation that requires VA to presume exposure for veterans deployed to areas with known environmental hazards, establishes a framework for the presumptive process and creates a list of presumptive illnesses associated with burn pits. Urgent action is needed to ensure that veterans have access to the care they need and have earned.

I am disappointed that access is still very limited at the U.S. Capitol. As I wrote in [a letter to senior congressional leaders](#) in October, "The People's House should not be closed to groups such as ours a day longer than necessary."

Yet, through the use of email, phone calls and personal visits to congressional district offices, there are still many ways for Legionnaires to advance our priorities. First, I recommend that you [watch the Know Before You Go video](#).

Then, return to [legion.org](#) on Tuesday, March 8, at 10 a.m. to watch a livestream of my testimony before a joint session of senators and representatives hosted by the [House Committee on Veterans Affairs](#).

As you communicate with your representative and senators, I ask that you remember an important principle that has served our organization well for 103 years. The American Legion is nonpartisan. We are there to advance policies, not personalities. It is not the time to espouse political viewpoints, unrelated agendas, or personal attacks.

Remember, not every member of Congress is going to agree with us on every issue. Be polite and respectful in these instances and there is a good chance that the member will be willing to reconsider or work with us on other issues of importance to the Legion.

Whether we are advocating for better health care or protecting the U.S. flag from desecration, it's important to always remember our core constituents – the men and women who went into harm's way and defended America.

For God and Country,

Paul E. Dillard

American Legion National Commander

News from the Chaplain

To the American Legion Family,

As I sit here and wonder what is happening in Ukraine, I also wonder what Russia's next move will be and where it will end. The Bible tells us there will be wars and rumors of wars as long as mankind is on this earth. (Matthew 24:6-8) Consequently, we shouldn't be surprised by what's going on in the world, yet we have to be ready for Russia's next move. I'm not supporting a war with Russia; I believe all wars should be fought by older men rather than young 18-20 year old's. If fought by older men there would be fewer wars, in my opinion. Having said that, what all of us can do each day is pray. Pray that God would intervene on behalf of the Ukrainian people. Pray that the Russian people would stand up against Putin, and that peace would be established in this war-torn region. Wars are a "no win" for either side. Lives will be lost on both sides—lives that could have held the future of the world in their hands. Someone who dies may have discovered the cure for cancer, ALS, MD, and countless other ills of this world.

I'm glad that the people of Ukraine are standing up against a power like Russia, fighting for their own freedoms. I also hope and pray that the rest of the world will stand with them, for if they fall, who will be next on the world stage to also fall? We, as Americans, need to be on our knees in prayer for the Ukrainians and the entire world, that this war will stop now.

On the brighter side, the weather has finally warmed up and spring can't be far behind. After the ups and downs in temperature that we've had this winter, I look forward to some warmer days.

I'd like to take a little time in my message this month to put a plug in for my home post, Fidelity Post 296 of Ellendale. **A rally is scheduled to be held in Ellendale on March 26th at the Ellendale Community Building, located on 2nd street, a block south of Lerberg's Grocery and First National Bank. Revitalization will start at 10:00 with rolls and coffee being served. The rally will begin at 1:00 p.m.** By my recollection, this will be the first district rally to be held by Post 296 in Ellendale for many, many years, if at all. We look forward to sharing our little town with the rest of 1st District. *If you are able to attend this rally on March 26, please bring a non-perishable food or household supply item for Ellendale Area Food Shelf.* I look forward to seeing many of you there!

In the meantime, stay warm and healthy. Do a Buddy Check, give a hand to someone in need and lift up prayers for our service personnel and for this great country we live in.

Until Next Month, Peace and Grace to You and Yours,
Larry H. Otto
1st District Chaplain



Greetings from Area 4

Well I bet everyone is kind of confused with this crazy weather we have had. The other day it was 47 degrees and then below 0 degrees the next day. Followed by snow later in the day and winds that caused blizzard conditions. even tornadoes in the eastern side of the county. Let's hope March doesn't come in like a lion???

I attended the First District East Rally in Lewiston last month. The District Membership Director, Mary Hanson, presented a short program on MyLegion.org to include the changes coming down the road. Our District Adjutant, Wayne Hammon Jr, talked about the importance of keeping each post officer's list up to date with correct addresses, phone numbers, email addresses etc. We need to make sure this is accomplished and sending him any updates. He also reminded everyone to make sure every post knows that each person attending/registering at the First District SAL & ALR Conference at Albert Lea Post 56 on Saturday May 7th 2022 must present a current membership card to be able to register. If not they will not be allowed to vote etc. This will be the same requirement for attending/registering for the Legion and Auxiliary Convention to be held in Albert Lea on Saturday May 21st 2022.

1st District Membership next goal/target date is 3-9-2022 to be at 90%. Currently, the 1st District is at 88.44%. Area 4 is at 87.74% with 4 posts at 90% or higher. Adams Post 146 is at 104.64% and Lyle Post 105 is at 100%. Congratulations to you both!!!

Two events are coming up in March for the First District:

March 19, 2022– First District Jr Conference – Glenville Post 264, 331 W Main, Glenville, MN with the Exec Board starting at 9:00 AM. The Conference will be called to order immediately after Exec Board.

March 26, 2022 First District West Side Rally will be held at the Ellendale MN Community Center starting at 2:00PM. The District will also conduct a revitalization of those members that belong to 1982 and 1982 AD along with the not paid members from the area, starting at 10:30 AM at the same location. Commander Mike will be furnishing lunch for those helping with the revitalization. We need to contact those individuals and see if you can convince them to join your posts. There are 12 communities within Area 4 that have these members. In the Albert Lea area there are over 20 members in that situation alone. These are all Legion members that could be transferred to your post. So I really hope each post within Area 4 sends a representative to help contact your 1982 members near your post. I forwarded a copy of these reports to each of the respective post. If you haven't received it please contact me.

If anyone knows of anyone who might be looking for rewarding careers/employment it is available soon at the new Minnesota State Veterans Home being built in Preston, MN. To learn more about job opportunities, how to apply and sign up for the MDVA Jobs Bulletin e-newsletter, visit MinnesotaVeteran.org/careers.

There are also homes being built in Bemidji, MN and Montevideo, MN.

To learn more about the new Homes and receive updates about employment opportunities, visit: MinnesotaVeteran.org/FutureHomes or email: NewHomesJobs@state.mn.us.

The American Legion's mission statement, as adopted by the National Executive Committee in October 2020, is: To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. And the purpose of veterans in The American Legion is to strengthen the United States of America through programs, services, compassion and actions that have proven vital, timeless and life-changing for over a century. We all need to thrive to let our American Legion Family, along with people within our communities, know that this is our mission and goal. That the American Legion is here to stay and support our veterans and their families along with our communities.

Until next month everyone be safe and take care.

Area 4 Vice Commander
Wes Halverson

DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT DATES.

March 12, 2022– Department Appreciation Rally -Forest Lake American Legion Post 225, 355 W Broadway Ave. Forest Lake, MN.

March 19 , 2022– First District Jr Conference – Glenville Post 264, 331 W Main, Glenville, MN Exec Board 9:00 AM, Conference called to order immediately after Exec Board.

March 26, 2022 West Side Rally—Ellendale Community Center, 1:00PM. Please bring a non perishable food item with you as we are going to be collecting food for the local food shelf.

April 30, 2022 – First District Leaders combined testimonials – At Eyota Post 551, 11 Madison Ave SW, Eyota, MN

May 7, 2022 – First District SAL & ALR Conferences – Albert Lea Post 56, 142 North Broadway, Albert Lea, MN

May 21, 2022—The First District Legion and Auxiliary Convention - Albert Lea Post 56, 142 North Broadway, Albert Lea, MN - 8:30 AM Exec Board, 10 AM Convention call to order.

ENDORSEMENTS RECEIVED SO FAR

Mary Hanson for Commander

Mark Maloney for Commander

Bill Goede for Finance Officer

DELEGATE REQUESTS

Mary Hanson

Dale Wellik

Gary Miller

Bill Goede

Chuck Kruger

FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

May 21, 2022

American Legion Post 56, Albert Lea, MN

The First District American Legion Convention will be held at Post 56 in Albert Lea, MN. Please fill out this form and before **April 30, 2022** mail to:

American Legion Post 56

142 North Broadway

Albert Lea, MN 56007

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

_____ Pre-registration Fee \$10:00 registration, at the door it will be \$12.00.

_____ Saturday lunch \$8:00

Total Amount _____

Make the checks out to "American Legion Post 56" and send to the address above.

NAME _____ **PHONE** ____/____/_____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIP** _____

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

Put an "X" by your organization and fill out Your organization number

Legion__ **Post #**__ **Auxiliary**__ **Unit #**__ **SAL**__ **Squad**__ **ALR**__ **Chapter**__

You must register as a delegate, alternate, or guest if you are attending the convention. One person per registration form please. You can make copies if needed. More than one registration and lunch fee may be put on one check.

_____ cut off _____

Hotel information for the First District Convention in Albert Lea

The post has blocked some rooms for Friday night May 29, 2022 at the following:

QUALITY INN AND SUITES

2306 EAST MAIN STREET

507 – 377 - 1803

Rooms are \$89 for two beds or \$79 for one bed plus tax. You will need to call the motel and make your reservation. They are blocked under the American Legion.

!!!!!!!!!!!!ATTENTION !!!!!!!!!!!!!

If any post wants to advertise in the First District Convention Program it will be Fifty (50) dollars for a half page ad.

Please make the check out to “American Legion Post 56” and send that with your add to:

**American Legion Post 56
142 North Broadway
Albert Lea, MN 55007**

They would like to have these returned by April 1st so they can starting getting the book together.



Veterans Wall of Honor Diane: Catherine Gallenberger (left) shakes hands with Diane Ties (center). Joining them are Rosi Schmidt and Gloria Hager. Veterans Walls of Honor are located at Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Care Center – Shields Ave. and Gundersen St. Elizabeth's – Grant Blvd.



Catherine Gallenberger shakes hands with resident and veteran Paul Klees.

Veterans Walls of Honor Unveiled at Long-Term Care Centers Memorials honoring local veterans are now permanently displayed at Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Care Centers. Last month two Veterans Walls of Honor, which recognize 15 veterans including three World War II veterans, was unveiled. The display, originated and partially-funded by Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Clinics, is wholeheartedly supported by the Wabasha American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and VFW Posts.

"This is a way we can support those who sacrificed so much for this country," said Diane Ties, Recreation Therapy Manager at Gundersen St. Elizabeth's. Ties managed the veterans project. "We hope these memorials remain a visual reminder to honor and recognize our veterans, service members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families."

Veterans like 96-year-old resident Paul Klees. Klees was part of the Battle of Okinawa in 1945.

"Being a veteran is a shared experience. It's something that we went through together," Klees said. "There's camaraderie in coming together."

As Ties handed Klees his photo and certificate during the December 15 ceremony, tears filled his eyes

"All the hard work we put into this Wall of Honor was for that moment," said Ties. "This project – and that moment – went right to my heart."

Long-term care administrator Kristi Petersen and hospital administrator Jim Root were present at the unveiling.

"Our team is honored to serve you and are forever grateful for all that you gave," said Petersen.

Root echoed that. "We are proud and honored to care for those who sacrificed so much to serve our country."

Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Care Center holds a VA contract. Currently 12 veterans live at Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Care Center – Shields Ave and three reside at Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Care Center – Grant Blvd.

"It's so important for us to support, honor and remember the veterans who served our country," said Catherine Gallenberger, Commander, Wabasha American Legion Post 50. "I'm thankful that we can be a part of this project and legacy."

Rosi Schmidt, President of the Wabasha American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50, said the Auxiliary is also proud and excited to be a part of this venture. Schmidt helped involve the Auxiliary, Legion and VFW who then donated to this tribute to veteran residents at the Health Care Centers.

Joe Abbott, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4086, said, "It's an honor every time we're able to recognize and thank our veterans.

These pictures and article are from the Wabasha Herald and were sent to me from Catherine Gallenberger who is the Commander of Wabasha American Legion Post 50. They are about a VETERANS WALL OF HONOR located at Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Care Center—Shields Ave and Gundersen St Elizabeth's - Grant Blvd. The entire article can be found on the First District Facebook page.



1st District Commander Mike Parry presented Vicki Fick his Commanders Coin honoring her past husband Emery for his years of service for Lake City Post 110.

American Legion National Commander's Tour

Please call or email to reserve your spot.

Location Meal Time Contact

Monday, April 11 Arcade-Phalen Post 577 dinner* 6 p.m. 651-329-7369, mrman48@comcast.net

Tuesday, April 12 Red Wing Post 54 breakfast 8 a.m. (see email address below) RWPost54NationalCmdrBreakfast@gmail.com (by April 1)

Dodge Center Post 384 lunch noon 507-259-7241 **Owatonna Post 77** dinner* 6 p.m. 507-213-7517 (Chuck Stone, leave msg.)

Wednesday, April 13 Austin Post 91 breakfast 8 a.m. 507-437-1151

Blue Earth Post 89 lunch noon 507-525-1052 (daytime, ask for Paul) 507-525-7713 (between 5-8 p.m.)

Fairmont Post 36 dinner* 6 p.m. stevefosness@gmail.com

Thursday, April 14 Brewster Post 464 breakfast 8 a.m. 605-310-8013 (Curt Luitjens)

Pipestone Post 6 dinner* 6 p.m. 507-825-3211 (leave message)

* includes 5 p.m. social hour



Past District Commander Dale Wellik holding a model air plane given to him by Glenn Mueller at the Lewiston Rally on Feb 17th because we did not have a Commander's testimonial last year due



FROM AREA THREE

Thank you for your service to our country and your dedication to the American Legion. The rally in Lewiston on February 16th was a good turn out and Thank you for attending it was educational on membership and mylegion.org if you have questions or need help please give membership director, Mary Hanson, a call she will be able to give you help or get you to someone that can.

The Department Oratorical contest is Saturday February 26th at the Anoka post. I wish all of the contestants the best. District Officers nominations are coming up now in March and April and elections in May at the District Convention May 21st at the Albert Lea post.

Saturday March 26 is a Rally in Ellendale. Speaker and revitalization is planned. Bring a donation for the food shelf. All of these rallies, meetings, dinners, Conventions, anything Legion carry your current membership card.

R.E.D. SHIRT FRIDAY

Remember Everyone Deployed

Show your support and remind all others of all deployed military troops!!!!

Wear something red on Fridays.

This was started back in 2005.

We are having more deployed now with more unrest around the world.

This also shows the families that you support them, they aren't going it alone!!!!

National Commander's tour is April 11th through the 14th. Check the Legionnaire for details. He is going to be making stops in the 1st District!!!

Saturday March 26 the Dodge Center American Legion post is having a VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR. 2:00 PM TO. 7:00 PM. COME TO see what some of the resources available to you. **See the add for this in the flyer section of this newsletter**

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES!!
PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS AND ALL CONCERNED ESPECIALLY IN THESE TIMES OF UNREST
AROUND THE WORLD!

Dale Wellik
Area 3 Vice Commander

A NOTE FROM YOUR RESOLUTION CHAIRMAN

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

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

Richard Gosse

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I am on the global war on terrorism design committee in Rochester, MN. We are asking for anyone in a 75 mile radius of Rochester to write us about any stories and or remembrance you have had. If you were one of the ones who were activated or were a fire man, policeman or first responder even if we're one of many dog handlers. What we thinking for a design is a time line even type of theme this will be an extension to the war memorial at Solders Field, so if you have any memories of that send them to markmaloney1962@gmail.com. Thanks
The Olmsted Committee

Commander
Mark A Maloney III

The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2022 Membership Report for February 23, 2022

Dist	Post	Location	New 2022	PUFL 2022	Online 2022	Trad 2022	Paid 2022	HQ Trans 2022	Total Membr 2022	Goal 2022	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2022	Last yr at this dae
1	9	Winona	5	30	0	407	442	2	444	505	87.92%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	5	9	0	44	58	0	58	73	79.45%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	2	19	0	110	131	1	132	135	97.78%	0	0
1		Winona County	12	58	0	561	631	3	634	713	88.92%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	5	47	0	132	184	1	185	219	84.47%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	21	20	0	147	188	1	189	145	130.34%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	0	29	0	109	138	0	138	148	93.24%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	8	0	51	59	0	59	61	96.72%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	2	0	23	25	0	25	28	89.29%	0	0
1	579	Millville	1	20	0	87	108	0	108	151	71.52%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	0	9	0	51	60	0	60	69	86.96%	0	0
1		Wabsha County	27	135	0	600	762	2	764	821	93.06%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	4	94	0	592	690	3	693	808	85.77%	0	0
1	119	Byron	2	18	0	88	108	0	108	130	83.08%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	6	26	0	238	270	2	272	283	96.11%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	2	0	9	11	0	11	16	68.75%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	6	21	0	139	166	0	166	180	92.22%	0	0
1		Olmsted County	18	161	0	1066	1245	5	1250	1417	88.21%	0	0
1		Area One	57	354	0	2227	2638	10	2648	2951	89.73%	0	0
1	295	West Concord	2	8	0	32	42	0	42	49	85.71%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	1	19	0	138	158	0	158	178	88.76%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	8	32	0	189	229	0	229	262	87.40%	0	0
1	384	Dodge Center	2	7	0	63	72	0	72	81	88.89%	0	0
1	422	Claremont	0	3	0	26	29	0	29	31	93.55%	0	0
1		Dodge County	13	69	0	448	530	0	530	601	88.19%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	1	15	0	60	76	0	76	91	83.52%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	8	54	0	316	378	1	379	429	88.34%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	4	0	28	32	0	32	36	88.89%	0	0
1		Steel County	9	73	0	404	486	1	487	556	87.59%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	1	8	0	33	42	0	42	50	84.00%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	4	22	0	230	256	0	256	288	88.89%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	3	7	0	74	84	0	84	88	95.45%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	1	0	0	20	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1		Waseca County	9	37	0	357	403	0	403	449	89.76%	0	0
		Area Two	31	179	0	1209	1419	1	1420	1606	88.42%	0	0

1	40	Lanesboro	2	14	0	87	103	0	103	109	94.50%	0	0
1	68	Spring Valley	1	8	0	57	66	0	66	74	89.19%	0	0
1	81	Harmony	0	1	0	23	24	0	24	31	77.42%	0	0
1	94	Rushford	2	10	0	74	86	0	86	105	81.90%	0	0
1	166	Preston	0	17	0	33	50	0	50	53	94.34%	0	0
1	197	Chatfield	0	2	0	35	37	0	37	40	92.50%	0	0
1	299	Mabel	3	30	0	103	136	0	136	160	85.00%	0	0
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	16	16	0	16	18	88.89%	0	0
1	400	Canton	1	0	0	19	20	0	20	21	95.24%	0	0
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	11	11	0	11	14	78.57%	0	0
1	526	Peterson	2	4	0	31	37	0	37	39	94.87%	0	0
1	544	Ostrander	0	3	0	18	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	11	63.64%	0	0
1		Fillmore County	11	89	0	514	614	0	614	698	87.97%	0	0
1	191	Caledonia	0	17	0	107	124	0	124	139	89.21%	0	0
1	249	Spring Grove	3	12	0	117	132	0	132	149	88.59%	0	0
1	423	Houston	3	7	0	85	95	0	95	102	93.14%	0	0
1	498	Hokah	0	1	0	20	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1	595	LaCrescent	0	45	0	185	230	0	230	259	88.80%	0	0
1		Houston County	6	82	0	514	602	0	602	672	89.58%	0	0
1		Area Three	17	171	0	1028	1216	0	1216	1370	88.76%	0	0
1	56	Albert Lea	6	36	0	401	443	4	447	522	85.63%	0	0
1	264	Glenville	1	8	0	56	65	0	65	70	92.86%	0	0
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	14	92.86%	0	0
1	317	Emmons	2	3	0	41	46	0	46	48	95.83%	0	0
1	404	Alden	3	4	0	61	68	0	68	98	69.39%	0	0
1	552	Freeborn	0	5	0	24	29	0	29	32	90.63%	0	0
1		Freeborn County	12	57	0	595	664	4	668	784	85.20%	0	0
1	91	Austin	14	52	0	348	414	6	420	474	88.61%	0	0
1	105	Lyle	2	8	0	73	83	1	84	84	100.00%	0	0
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	2	0	32	34	0	34	42	80.95%	0	0
1	146	Adams	6	20	0	136	162	0	162	151	107.28%	0	0
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	0	40	44	0	44	56	78.57%	0	0
1	570	Austin Spam	1	0	0	12	13	0	13	16	81.25%	0	0
1		Mower County	23	86	0	641	750	7	757	823	91.98%	0	0
1		Area Four	35	143	0	1236	1414	11	1425	1607	88.67%	0	0
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1		District Totals	140	847	0	5700	6687	22	6709	7534	89.05%	0	0

DISTRICT VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS

		Vice Commanders											
		Area One	57	354	0	2227	2638	10	2648	2951	89.73%	0	0
		Area Two	31	179	0	1209	1419	1	1420	1606	88.42%	0	0
		Area Three	17	171	0	1028	1216	0	1216	1370	88.76%	0	0
		Area Four	35	143	0	1236	1414	11	1425	1607	88.67%	0	0

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

Dist	Rank												
1	5th	Mike Parry	140	847	0	5700	6687	22	6709	7534	89.05%		
2	4th	Steve Fosness	87	634	0	4483	5204	21	5225	5826	89.68%		
3	10th	Bob Hart	228	1573	0	7537	9,338	57	9,395	10,742	87.46%		
4	8th	Dave Dahl	34	274	0	1364	1672	13	1685	1,921	87.71%		
5	7th	Wade Larson	28	299	0	1245	1572	5	1577	1881	83.84%		
6	3rd	Jim Lucas	237	1099	0	7718	9054	104	9,158	10,135	90.36%		
7	1st	Chip Manson	77	682	0	4180	4939	56	4995	5,509	90.67%		
8	2nd	Larry Pocrnich	69	313	0	2629	3011	44	3055	3380	90.38%		
9	9th	Terry Buaas	96	540	0	4396	5032	50	5082	5802	87.59%		
10	6th	Daryl Harmon	174	931	0	6219	7324	49	7373	8376	88.03%		
99			7	220	0	1699	1926	0	1926	3469	55.52%		
To- tals			1177	7412	0	47,170	55,759	421	56,180	64,575	87.00%		

Hello All,

Our next target date is 3-9-2022 at 90%. Currently, the 1st District is at 89.05%. There are 23 posts at 90% or higher. That is just an increase of one post from last week.

I had really hoped to see more posts hit 100%. We now have three, Adams, Lake City and Lyle. At this point in the membership year we should have more posts at 100% or higher.

I would like the Area Vice Commanders to continue their post visits. Help the posts not on my legion, check to see if valid email addresses are on file. We need to start training and that is the first step. Encourage the posts to work on the rosters and contact members that have not renewed. Get them copies of the 1982 and 1982 AD lists. Reach out to Wayne or myself if you need help. We need to stop the complacency if we are going to get anywhere.

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

Mary Hanson
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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

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From the President's Desk

First District Auxiliary is in 6th place in the department as of February 23 and is at 84.35%. There are many units still struggling to get membership. Keep working hard and pushing forward on getting more membership. With Covid-19 this last year and all the struggles it has been difficult to keep interest.

The Appreciation Rally for Department is in Forest Lake. This is on March 12, 2022. Please come and enjoy the festivities.

There will be a 1st District Junior Conference held in Glenville on March 19, 2022. The Executive Board meeting will start at 9 a.m. with the meeting directly following. Please bring all the juniors you have. We will have a few fun activities and a good lunch by the Glenville Auxiliary.

On March 26, 2022 there is a West Side Rally for the First District. This will be held at the Ellendale Community Center in Ellendale.

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

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

Thank you,

Tonia Bettermann
1st District Auxiliary President



ALA Minnesota Girl's State – 75th Anniversary!

Hello Everyone! Hopefully we are all working on getting our High School Juniors signed up for Girls State. Not sure how everyone has been able to get into the schools, if at all. I'm sending this media info that the Girls State Committee put together to help! Please use this with your school council or teachers. To date only 22 units in the state have sent in applications! I know, we in 1st District have always been well represented and I'm sure we will again this year! Deadline is March 30th, if we get later, do not worry. If you have questions please let me know! w.prescher@kmwb.net or 507-254-0304.

Americanism

Remember the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay is due March 15th! **“How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?”** As Department Chair as well as your District Chair, you can send directly to me at 3321 Vista View Ct SW, Rochester 55902. I look forward to reading your essays! Remember to have the Americanism Essay 2022 cover sheet with your essay!

Thank you to everyone in 1st District who do so much for our Auxiliary! We can't do what we do for our Veterans, Community and Youth without all of YOU!

Wanda Prescher

Americanism and Girls State Chair

GIRLS STATE Media Toolkit Materials

Hi Here is the tool kit. Pass in on to schools and Units



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Video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B3XGXA9yRA3R5riYyK4mVhXAArDFdeSE/view?usp=sharing>

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1	146	Adams	129	130					0	9	96	105	80.77%
1	56	Albert Lea	265	266		3			3		224	224	84.21%
1	404	Alden	41	42					0		28	28	66.67%
1	91	Austin	121	122					0		81	81	66.39%
1	52	Blooming Prairie	88	89					0	1	81	82	92.13%
1	119	Byron	22	23					0		16	16	69.57%
1	191	Caledonia	70	71					0	3	59	62	87.32%
1	197	Chatfield	25	26					0		19	19	73.08%
1	422	Claremont	20	21					0	3	16	19	90.48%
1	384	Dodge Center	56	57		2			2	5	47	52	91.23%
1	573	Elgin	13	14					0		7	7	50.00%
1	551	Eyota	94	95					0	2	93	95	100.00%
1	552	Freeborn	57	58	2	2			4	10	45	55	94.83%
1	264	Glenville	95	96	2	5			7	13	76	89	92.71%
1	140	Grand Meadow	61	62					0	7	55	62	100.00%
1	81	Harmony	52	53					0	15	32	47	88.68%
1	330	Hayfield	170	171					0	19	128	147	85.96%
1	498	Hokah	17	18					0		15	15	83.33%
1	423	Houston	116	117					0	5	106	111	94.87%
1	333	Kasson	142	143					0	7	120	127	88.81%
1	546	Kellogg	99	100	2	4			6	5	89	94	94.00%
1	595	La Crescent	159	160					0	4	126	130	81.25%
1	110	Lake City	69	70					0	4	43	47	67.14%
1	40	Lanesboro	83	84					0		69	69	82.14%
1	161	LeRoy	48	49					0	10	19	29	59.18%
1	90	Lewiston	35	36					0	3	29	32	88.89%
1	105	Lyle	52	53					0	11	35	46	86.79%
1	299	Mabel	119	120		3			3	12	87	99	82.50%
1	588	Mazeppa	36	37					0	1	32	33	89.19%
1	579	Millville	44	45					0		41	41	91.11%
1	75	New Richland	40	41					0		34	34	82.93%
1	544	Ostrander	12	13					0		10	10	76.92%
1	77	Owatonna	103	104					0		88	88	84.62%

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1	526	Peterson	44	45					0	1	39	40	88.89%
1	179	Plainview	126	127					0	9	84	93	73.23%
1	92	Rochester	129	130					0	11	90	101	77.69%
1	94	Rushford	38	39					0		29	29	74.36%
1	249	Spring Grove	93	94					0	5	76	81	86.17%
1	68	Spring Valley	39	40					0	2	37	39	97.50%
1	190	St Charles	45	46					0		3	3	6.52%
1	164	Stewartville	163	164		1			1	7	148	155	94.51%
1	50	Wabasha	103	104		1			1	2	88	90	86.54%
1	587	Waldorf	18	19					0	1	13	14	73.68%
1	228	Waseca	224	225					0	11	181	192	85.33%
1	295	West Concord	28	29		5			5	1	30	31	106.90%
1	637	Whalan	17	18					0		16	16	88.89%
1	9	Winona	118	119					0	5	106	111	93.28%
1	369	Wykoff	16	17					0		17	17	100.00%
48		1st District Totals	3,754	3,802	6	26	0	0	32	204	3,003	3,207	84.35%

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Happy Soon To Be Spring, Happy Mardi Gras, Happy Great Time to be an American Legion Auxiliary Member!!!

I would like to say THANK YOU to all the Units for your hard work with your membership. The year is almost over and we only have 13 Units out of 48 who are below 80% in meeting your goals. District 1 is now in 6th place with 84.35%, so we are slowly working our way up to the top!!

For those 13 Units, what can we do to help? Do you need help with the forms? Do you need help with contacting your members? Do you need us to meet with your Unit to answer questions? Please feel free to contact myself or our District 1 President Tonia Betterman.

Minnesota members we need you to share your feedback with our National Headquarters ! Please take the time to have your voice heard. The No. 1 reason why you should take the ALA member survey: Your feedback will help us all improve the Auxiliary not only at the national level, but at the unit/local level as well! If you haven't taken it yet, please do so, and encourage other members to take it too! Please fill out the form here: <https://www.legion-aux.org/ALA-Member-Survey>

The survey will take only about 15-20 minutes to complete. You will need your ALA member ID number, but that is just for verification purposes only.

Kathy Fredrickson
District 1 Membership Chair

Invite to all Juniors of the First District

First District American Legion Auxiliary Junior Conference

March 19, 2022

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

8:30 Registration

9:00 Junior executive meeting

10:00AM Start conference

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

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

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

Join us for a funfilled, educational morning!

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

Thank you kindly,
Unit 264 Glenville, MN

FROM YOUR HONORARY JR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

A few exciting things happening in the next couple of months! Our District Jr Conference will be held at 10:00 AM in Glenville American Legion Post. Please join! All ages are greatly welcomed! There is a surprise guest so more the merrier!

If you are looking to attend the Department Jr Conference on the 8th and 9th of April. The registration is due by the 11th of March. Your Unit should have the information about registering. The conference will be held in Wilmar American Legion Post, Wilmar, MN. It is lots of fun and a great experience. I highly recommend going at least once as a Junior.

Remember if you want to donate to my project, the checks need to be 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. Believet™ 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.

There 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. Believet™ 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

Believet™ 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, Believet™ cares for and trains our service dogs to become ADA-approved and certified. During this time the dogs live with a foster family.
2. Believet™ 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. Believet™ provides all equipment free of charge.
3. Graduation! Once training is complete, the dog and veteran graduate. The Believet™ service dog goes to live with the veteran.

Our Facility

Believet™'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: believet.org



CALL TO THE FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR CONFERENCE

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

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

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

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

CLASSES

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

Class II ----- Ages 7 – 12 years

Class III -----Ages 13 – 18 years

AWARDS

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

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

(Refer to the First District Junior Standing Rules)

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

1. POPPY DISTRIBUTION CONTAINER CONTEST

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

2. Poppy Centerpiece Contest

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

3. Poppy Jewelry/ Accessories Contest

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

4. PAINTED POPPY PICTURE (ON CANVAS ONLY)

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

If you received trophies last year, please bring them to the conference so they can be awarded to the winners.

District Colors will be posted if your unit would like to their individual colors, they will be posted.

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



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FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S DESK

Greetings First District American Legion Family,

Membership is the backbone of our organization. With Covid starting to go away and most restrictions falling by the wayside, each of us needs to step up and seek out those who haven't renewed their membership. All it takes is a couple minute phone call. If everyone made two calls per week and would get at least one commitment to pay their membership our numbers would grow considerably.

Coming up on Saturday May 7th the First District SAL convention will take place in Albert Lea. Be prepared to pay registration. This registration is required for each segment of the convention. I know in the past we have paid once and we're covered for SAL, Legion and ALR. Now is the time to get with your post commander and request they push for a change in District convention registration. It should be pay once and your covered. Making an individual pay multiple registration fees will cause individuals to cut back on their involvement in the program. Convention should be a time for reporting on what your squadron has done the past year and learn of changes and new ways of conducting your day-to-day business, not a fund raiser.

Keep the people of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers as they go experience the troubled road ahead.

The American Legion National Commander will be at Owatonna Post 77 on Tuesday evening April 12 at 5pm. Dinner will be at 6pm. Cost is \$20 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Chuck Stone at (507) 213-7517. Please leave a message.

Chuck Stone

First District Commander

SGT AT ARMS

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2022 First District American Legion Rider Convention Call

To all American Legion Rider Chapters of the First District:

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

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

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

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

First District ALR Director
 Roe Naylor



First District ALR Meeting was held on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at Stewartville American Legion. First District Legion Commander, Mike Parry spoke in appreciation of all that the riders do by helping veterans and encouraging membership in the American Legion Family.

Sick call: Jenni Peterson/Albert Lea/ is currently hospitalized at Mayo
 Dan Volkmann/Rushford/at home recuperating from COVID
 James 'Grinder' Grein/Austin/at home recuperating from COVID
 Ted Herman/Albert Lea/at home recuperating from brain bleed

Thank you from Roe Naylor on behalf of the Wagoner Family to those that attended the Celebration of Life for Austin ALR member Big Jim.

The First District "Tour of the 1st District" will be returning this summer 2022. The following have agreed to be on the committee: Karla Miller, Roe Naylor, Nancy Lewison, Lesley Heimer & Joe Smilie. The tour will be scaled back this year to one day/Saturday. Donations will be divided between VA Home in Preston; Toys for Tots & Global War on Terrorism Memorial at Soldier's Field in Rochester.

Upcoming Events hosted by ALR Chapters of the 1st District

Albert Lea- Nation of Patriots (NOP) American Flag escort-will receive on Sept 3 & ride to Mason City, IA on Sept 4

Austin –Prevent 22 Ride July 9 & Kvaam Scholarship Ride Aug 27

Eyota –Spaghetti Dinner Mar 19 & PTSD Ride July 9

Winona –September ride being planned

1st District ALR Officer nominations are as follows. Additional Nominations, Election & Installation of 2022-2023 Officers will be on Saturday, May 7th – 1300 at the 1st District Convention in Albert Lea.

Nominations for Vice Director: Chuck Stone

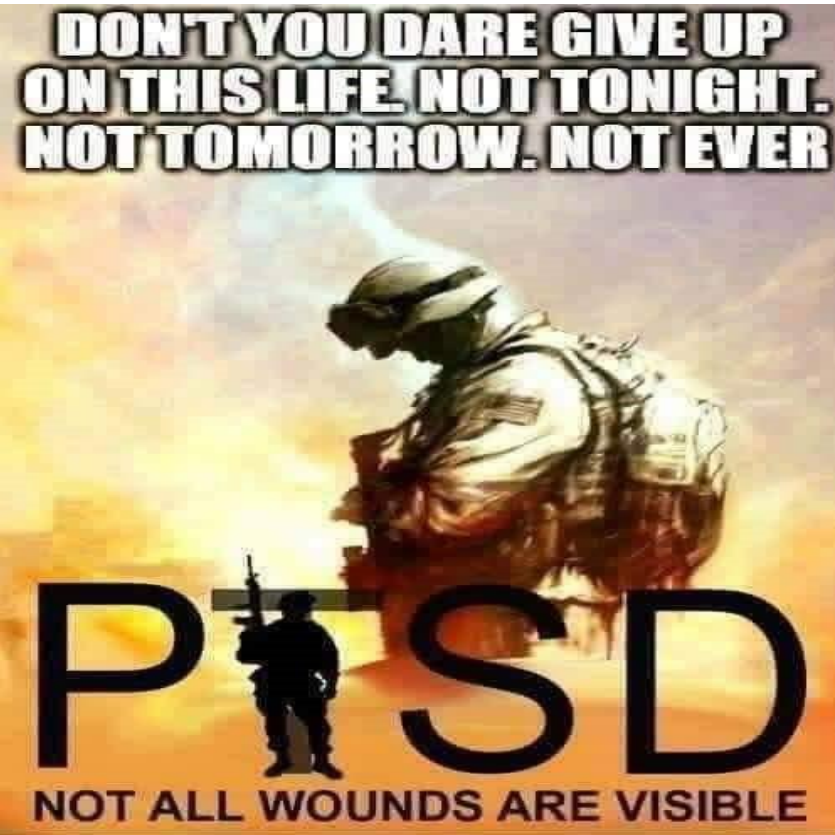
Nominations for Secretary: Karla Miller

Nominations for Chaplain: Jeff "Scuffy" Paulson

Nominations for Historian: open

Nominations for Treasurer: Mark Maloney


Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 7th, 2022 at 1300 in Albert Lea.



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Come find out about some of the resources available to you!!!!!!*

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**Dodge Center
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When:
Saturday March 26th
2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where:
Dodge Center American
Legion
Post 384 Wells-Peterson
401 Hwy St W Dodge Center,
MN 55927
507-633-6420
DCAL.Post384@gmail.com

Organizations Attending

- American Legion
- Veteran Service Officer
- MACV
- MN Department of Veterans Affairs – Higher Education
- Disabled American Veterans
- Veterans Court
- Minnesota State Parks
- Plus More!!!!



Saturday, MARCH 19th

4:30pm – 7:00pm or until gone

Includes a hearty meat sauce, garlic toast & side salad/coleslaw

\$10 – Adult (\$8 with current Legion membership card)

\$6 – Children 6-10 years old

Free - Children 5 & younger

Eyota American Legion Riders
American Legion Post 551 Eyota, MN



March 2022

Legion 92 Club Hours: Mon - Thu: 11am - 11pm / Fri & Sat: 11am - 12am / Sun: 11am - 8pm
 JAC's at The Legion 92 Hours: Sun & Mon: 11am - 7pm / Tue & Wed: 11am - 8pm / Thu - Sat: 11am - 9pm



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY

MARCH MADNESS
 First Four: March 15-16
 First Round: March 17-18
 Second Round: March 19-20
 Sweet 16: March 24-25
 Elite Eight: March 26-27

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

Left—Rochester Post 92 March's calendar

KASSON AMERICAN LEGION

March

212 W. MAIN ST. 507-634-4353

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
HAPPY HOUR MON-FRI 3-6PM If the last number of your American Legion member card matches the number of the day you can buy one/get one free on any beer or rail drink! (One per day)	DAILY DRINK SPECIALS MONDAY CAPTAIN MORGAN TUESDAY MARGARITA WEDNESDAY WINDSOR THURSDAY TITO'S FRIDAY RED SHIRT DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY POST 333 BLOODY MARY					
This month in military history — Operation Iraq Freedom Began March 19, 2003	TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM FAT TUESDAY SPECIALS	BINGO 6:30 pm		BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE 5 ^{PM} -7 ^{PM} Triton Post Prom	STEAK FRY 5-7 PM Music by Jimmie Blues	
OPEN 12-5 PM CELEBRITY BARTENDING 1-4 PM	MASON MONDAY MEAL 6 PM	TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM	BINGO 6:30 PM	POST 333 BOARD MEETING 6 PM OPEN MEETING 7 PM AUXILIARY MEETING 6 PM	BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE 5 ^{PM} -7 ^{PM} FCCLA	BAGPIPES 4-5 PM TEAM BLAINE DINNER 5-6 PM
OPEN 5:30 PM POST EVERLASTING 6:30 PM WHISKEY WEEK BEGINS	TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM	BINGO 6:30 PM	BAGPIPES 6 PM	BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE 5 ^{PM} -7 ^{PM} Dodge County HS Boys Hockey		
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Above - Kasson Post 333 Calendar for March

Below—Winona Post 9 March's calendar



March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Union Mtg 2p Basket Nite 7pm BeanBags 7pm	2 Rotary 11am Bingo 7pm	3 Hiawatha Marines 7pm	4 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 pm	5 Party in hall 12noon to 10pm
6	7 Red Cross in hall 12-6pm ALR Meeting 5:30pm	8 40&8 Mtg. 5:30pm BeanBags 7pm Exec/Post 6pm	9 Rotary 11am Bingo 7pm	10 Broasted Chicken 5-7 pm	11 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00pm Music by Ryan Herman 6:30p	12 UAW Chicken Que by SAL Coast Guard Mtg In Classroom 12pm
13 Daylight Savings Retirement Party 2-4pm	14 SAL Meeting 6:30pm	15 Basket Nite 7pm BeanBags 7pm	16 Rotary 11am Bingo 7pm	17 St. Patricks Day Party in bar 2-4 pm	18 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00pm Music by Vertigo 7-11pm	19 Rivercity Portage 9am-1pm Local Lodge 1030 meeting 10:30-6:30
20	21	22 BeanBags 7pm Local 49 Union Mtg	23 Rotary 11am Bingo 7pm	24	25 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00pm Music by TommyKoppy	26 Grace Place 5-7pm
27 DAR Gathering 12:30-3:30pm	28	29 BeanBags 7pm	30 Rotary 11am Bingo 7pm	31		