



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

April 13, 2019 - Make up date for the postponed Department Appreciation Rally. 10:00 AM exec Boards, lunch at 12:00 and rally to follow. At LeCenter American Legion Post

April 27, 2019—Department Commander's testimonial at Anoka Post 102.

May 4, 2019—The First District SAL Convention in the Stewartville Post 164 clubrooms at 9:00 AM.

May 18, 2019—The First District American Legion Convention at Stewartville. More info in the Call to Conferences elsewhere in this newsletter.

2019 Rochester Stand Down—June 27, 2019 from 2 to 7 PM at Soldiers Field in Rochester. More info to come next month.

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ATTENTION ALL POSTS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT

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

Rich Gosse— First District Resolution Chairman.

2019 First District Call To Convention

To: All Posts of the First District

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of Minnesota, I, First District Commander, Gary Miller, do hereby call a convention of the First District to convene at Stewartville, Minnesota, Saturday May 18, 2019.

The business sessions of the convention will be held at Stewartville Post 164, 1100 2nd Ave NW, Stewartville, MN, commencing at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 18th and will continue until adjournment.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, Four (4) District Vice- Commanders, District Chaplain, District Finance Officer, Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention and to do other business of the First District that may properly come before the Convention.

The voting strength of each Post will be, as provided in the Department Constitution and By-Laws, Article 5, Section 3 based upon the membership certification sent to the District Commander by the District Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Post Delegates and Alternates to Wayne Hammon Jr, PO Box 135, LeRoy, MN 55951 before May 5th.

All Members are encouraged to attend
First District Commander
Gary Miller

Delegate Certification to the First District Convention in Stewartville, Minnesota, May 18, 2019, please send to the District Adjutant as soon as possible.

POST _____ MN

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
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- 8. _____

SIGNED _____

FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

MAY 18, 2019

POST 164, STEWARTVILLE, MN

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

Tammy Theobald
Convention Registration
610 12th Ave NE
Stewartville, MN 55976

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

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

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

Total Amount _____

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

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

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

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

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

Legion____ **Post #**____ **Auxiliary**____ **Unit #** _____ **ALR**____ **Chapter #**_____

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

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

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Hotel information for The First District Convention in Stewartville

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

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

e-mail: americasstayinn@gmail.com

CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING INFORMATION

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

Full Page Ad ----- \$100.00

Half Page Ad ----- \$50.00

Quarter Page Ad ----- \$25.00

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

Make checks payable to : Stewartville American Legion Post 164

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

ENDORSEMENTS AND DELEGATE REQUESTS

Officer Endorsements

Dale Wellik - District Commander
 Bill Goede - Finance Officer
 Mark Maloney - Area One Vice Commander
 Mike Parry - Area Two Vice Commander
 Mary Hanson - Area Four Vice Commander
 Larry Otto—Chaplain

Delegate Requests

Mary Hanson
 Gary Miller
 Chuck Stone
 Dale Wellik
 Myron Ehrich
 Richard Skillestad
 Chuck Kruger
 Sy Fix
 Les Shaunce
 Bill Goede

FROM YOUR LEGIONVILLE CHAIRMAN

Legionville is up and running this year with no bog. Let's make this be the best year get as many students signed up as possible. if you don't have gambling then check with the eagle clubs or elks or moose or any other group you know of. You are more than welcome to pay for a student yourself. There will be more to come. Need more information, call me or department, packets are being sent out or they may be in your post already.

Glenn Mueller – First District Legionville Chairman – 507-316-3977 or 507-932-4301

FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S DESK

Hello 1st District:

Well so far no snow lately, maybe spring is here. Now that the weather is going good we can catch up on the delayed events. I know the Appreciation Rally will now be in Le Center Post 108 April 13, 2019. I went to Mazeppa Post 588 last night for their delayed County Meeting. Lots of information and Rep. Steve Drazkowski (21B) gave an update on veterans and other legislative bills that pertain to veterans. Wabasha County their next meeting by the way will be Monday, May 20, 2019 @ 19:00 at Kellogg Post 546.

Also for your notes the Rochester Stand Down will be at the Soldiers Field, 244 Soldiers Field Dr. SW on June 27th from 2pm-7pm. Try on planning to be there its open to all veterans and you might be surprised on what they have there.

May 18th, 2019 is the 1st District Convention at Stewartville Post 164, 1100 2Ave NW. More on this in the May newsletter but mark it down now also so you can be there. As many of the posts that can need to be there to help select you district officers and have a say in the next years events, lots of the smaller posts can do a rally or other events, but unless you volunteer or at least express an interest we don't know who wants to help. Speaking of that who would like to have next years (2020) 1st District Convention.

Most reports are due to Department in April, matter of fact if not all reports and applications for everything from Scholarships, Law & Order and Boys State are due in April I'd be surprised. The exception is the Consolidated Post Report which is due at the end of May. So get busy and get those done and turned in. 95% of membership is also where we should be on April 10th, we have a ways to go. The 6th and final renewal notice goes out the 26th of April for the 2019 dues. I don't think this one will do any good but we can always hope. May 8th is 100% target date, how many of you will make it yet this year? How high can we get the district percentage this year?

Gary Miller
First District Commander

From your 1st District Legion Chaplain

Greetings to my Legion Family,

April is a time for renewal. This month the average temperature goes from 40 degrees to 60 degrees, and maybe even 70's. The birds migrate back and farmers are busy with preparations for planting. Spring is a time of re-birth, baby robins in the nest; the grass is up and may even need to be mowed. The seeds farmers previously planted start to sprout and peek through the soil.

There is new hope in new life. This is also true for us as American Legion members; today is a new day not like yesterday. It is a day for us to make a difference not only in our Posts, but also in our communities, state and in our country. In the days to come we will elect new officers to our Legion Posts, districts and state. Is now the time for you to step forward and grasp the opportunity to serve our fellow Veterans at the local, district or state level? I pray that you would think and pray about doing just that.

This month is also an important one for those of us who are Christians, as we go into the Easter season. This is the time of year when we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, "Jesus, the Christ". He went to the cross to die for the sins of the world, that you and I would not have to suffer eternal death, but would have everlasting life with Him in heaven. In His death we received new life. Just as the new life that is all around us this time of year, may we come to enjoy the new life that Christ has offered us. May we remember the reason for the season.

Until next time,

In Service to God and Country,

Larry H. Otto, 1st District Chaplain

PS

I would like to ask everyone one in the district to contact me with addresses or phone numbers of gold star families. I would like to start a registry of 1st District Gold Star families, so we would have that list for each chaplain to come. Please send the information to me at:

Larry Otto

14758 SW 52nd Ave

Ellendale, MN 56026

Or for more information you can contact me at 507-475-1023

Thanks Larry



FROM AREA ONE

When a Legionnaire wears many hats, one tends to be quite busy and to say one also adds many miles to their auto. Seems like I should qualify for some type of frequent driver miles? With the record snowfall this month, saw meetings being cancelled and rescheduled. Saying that, I did attend numerous Legion events this past month. Starting out at Rushford Post #9 attending the District 3 rally. Then visited two Posts in Winona County including Winona Post #9 and St Charles Post #190 providing a legislative bill update as well encourage the membership "Three R's = Renew, Recruit, Retain". This was followed by Area 1 hosting the District National Security rally at Millville Post #571. Then ended the month with my chairing and holding the Wabasha County Council meeting at Mazeppa Post #588.

Area One Vice Commander - Andru Peters

Also attended many meetings in the Twin Cities including the MAG meeting and attending the MN House & Senate Veterans & Military Affairs Committee meetings.

FROM AREA TWO

Greetings American Legion Family

Thank you Veterans for your Service to our country!

Thank you American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, and Legion Riders, all of your support. Projects are made easier when all help out and work for the same cause. This is when things get busier. Reports are coming due watch the dates, and send them in a couple days before hand most have to be forwarded which also takes time. Membership, picking up these last ones to get the 100% and more is hard. Several posts are on it and some are already over. Thank You for all the hard work it's all greatly appreciated for the good of all Veterans and keeping our benefits.

April 6 testimonials in Eyota.

April 13 appreciation rally in LeCenter this is the March 9 rally that was postponed.

April 27 Department Commanders testimonial in Anoka.

April 21 Happy Easter everyone have a Blessed One.

God Bless our Troops that are serving now.

Area two vice commander Dale Wellik

FROM AREA FOUR

Hello First District Family,

By now I'm sure you've heard about the serious accident I was involved in returning from Preston Cemetery. All four of us Honor Guard member survived with minor injuries, but what an eye opener. It slowed my district activities and other activities down but I appreciate the well wishes of all our comrades.

Well another month closer to the end of the Legion year and soon elections of new officers and their installations. I wish everyone good luck with their ambitions and posts with good people at the top. Please keep working hard on membership and spreading the good deeds of the Legion and the benefits it has helped us gain. We earned every benefit entitled to us. It wasn't a gift.

Please thank a veteran today and excuse my short report this month. God Bless

America!

Area 4 Vice Commander, Rollie Hanson

Important District Information

For anybody interested, the dedication of the Golf Cart that was donated to the Preston Cemetery as Les Shaunce's district commander's project will on Sunday, May 26, 2019 as part of the Memorial Day Program. The bands will begin playing at 1:30 pm with the program starting at 2:00 pm.

Les Shaunce - Past First District Commander

FROM YOUR LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

Updates from the State Capital activities this past month

As the MN legislative session nears the midway point of 2019 session, so far to date, the Senate Veterans committee has heard 45 veteran's bills, while the House Veterans Committee has heard 49 veterans related bills. The Legislative bills I was asked to testify for included: In the House HF 204 & HF 205, Homestead valuation exclusion for disabled veterans, modifying benefit eligibility for a deceased veteran's spouse by eliminating the 8 year limit; HF 1774, American Allies Day which honors all foreign born persons who fought in the many wars on behalf of the US military forces and then emigrated into Minnesota. In the Senate testified on the following bills: SF 646, for Renaming the Red Wing Mississippi River bridge from the Eisenhower bridge to the Bridge of Valor; SF 1940, WW I Veterans Memorial plaque on State Capital grounds; SF 1922, American Allies Day; and then concluded with SF 2574, Camp Ripley military museum grant appropriation.

At a recent Military Advisory Group (MAG) meeting I was on the agenda to provide an update on the seven (7) net receipts gambling tax reduction bills before the attending members and urging those veterans groups in attendance to lobby and support these bills for the Federal chartered veteran's organizations.

At the 2019 Minnesota Veterans Day on the hill, had some great presentations from our legislators; including Sen Jerry Newton, ranking member of the Senate veterans affairs committee; Rep Rob Ecklund, Chair House veterans committee; and Rep Bob Dettmer, ranking member of the House veterans affairs committee. I was also fortunate to corner Governor Tim Walz and VA Commissioner Larry Herke for five minutes and urged them to identify and support a veteran's only omnibus bill rather than having veterans bills added to unpopular bills and used to get those bills passed, with high incidents of those bill package being rejected or vetoed, with the veterans community losing out in obtaining new or additional funding.

Finally, was invited by Lake City Radio Station KLCH to do a live interview on summarizing the MN legislative veteran's bills I have been advocating and lobbying for this legislative session.

As we near the end of our District One calendar year, Legionnaires need to continue to reach out to our Legionnaire veterans, provide them information, ask for their support and involvement in local community events, increase our veteran presence in the community; remembering "without you" - the veteran, there would be no Legion Post nor veteran benefits. God bless the USA and our Flag.

Respectively submitted

Andru Peters

Andru Peters
District One
Legislative Committee Chair;

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

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

First District 2019 membership report for 3/27/2019 Bulletin # 39

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	573	524	0	524	91.45%	49	2/20/2019
90	LEWISTON	72	71	0	71	98.61%	1	2/13/2019
190	ST CHARLES	146	137	0	137	93.84%	9	3/20/2019
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		791	732	0	732	92.54%	59	
50	WABASHA	230	227	0	227	98.70%	3	3/20/2019
110	LAKE CITY	144	149	0	149	103.47%	-5	3/20/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	186	165	0	165	88.71%	21	2/27/2019
546	KELLOGG	67	63	0	63	94.03%	4	1/9/2019
573	ELGIN	32	23	0	23	71.88%	9	1/9/2019
579	MILLVILLE	145	184	0	184	126.90%	-39	1/16/2019
588	MAZEPPA	74	71	2	73	98.65%	1	3/27/2019
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		878	882	2	884	100.68%	-6	
92	ROCHESTER	938	827	1	828	88.27%	110	3/27/2019
119	BYRON	150	136	0	136	90.67%	14	3/20/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	290	287	2	289	99.66%	1	3/27/2019
446	ROCHESTER	18	13	0	13	72.22%	5	11/28/2018
551	EYOTA	184	176	3	179	97.28%	5	3/27/2019
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1580	1439	6	1445	91.46%	135	
AREA ONE TOTALS		3249	3053	8	3061	94.21%	188	
295	WEST CONCORD	60	48	0	48	80.00%	12	1/9/2019
330	HAYFIELD	215	196	0	196	91.16%	19	3/13/2019
333	KASSON	260	251	0	251	96.54%	9	3/13/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	81	69	0	69	85.19%	12	3/13/2019
422	CLAREMONT	32	29	0	29	90.63%	3	1/9/2019
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		648	593	0	593	91.51%	55	
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	107	93	0	93	86.92%	14	1/30/2019
77	OWATONNA	510	462	10	472	92.55%	38	3/27/2019
296	ELLENDALE	34	35	0	35	102.94%	-1	12/12/2018
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		651	590	10	600	92.17%	51	
75	NEW RICHLAND	54	56	0	56	103.70%	-2	2/27/2019
228	WASECA	320	306	3	309	96.56%	11	3/27/2019
281	JANESVILLE	99	92	0	92	92.93%	7	2/20/2019
587	WALDORF	25	26	0	26	104.00%	-1	1/9/2019
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		498	480	3	483	96.99%	15	
AREA TWO TOTALS		1797	1663	13	1676	93.27%	121	
40	LANESBORO	106	108	0	108	101.89%	-2	2/20/2019
68	SPRING VALLEY	82	74	0	74	90.24%	8	1/9/2019
81	HARMONY	34	28	0	28	82.35%	6	12/12/2018
94	RUSHFORD	121	124	0	124	102.48%	-3	1/9/2019
166	PRESTON	68	66	0	66	97.06%	2	1/16/2019
197	CHATFIELD	51	49	0	49	96.08%	2	1/9/2019
299	MABEL	177	156	0	156	88.14%	21	3/20/2019

369	WYKOFF	19	17	0	17	89.47%	2	11/21/2018
400	CANTON	13	19	0	19	146.15%	-6	1/9/2019
492	FOUNTAIN	16	14	0	14	87.50%	2	10/17/2018
526	PETERSON	39	36	0	36	92.31%	3	3/20/2019
544	OSTRANDER	28	21	0	21	75.00%	7	2/13/2019
637	WHALEN	14	13	0	13	92.86%	1	9/19/2018
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS		768	725	0	725	94.40%	43	
191	CALEDONIA	164	152	0	152	92.68%	12	2/27/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	159	147	0	147	92.45%	12	3/13/2019
423	HOUSTON	116	108	0	108	93.10%	8	2/27/2019
498	HOKAH	21	20	0	20	95.24%	1	2/13/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	320	274	0	274	85.63%	46	3/20/2019
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS		780	701	0	701	89.87%	79	
AREA THREE TOTALS		1548	1426	0	1426	92.12%	122	
56	ALBERT LEA	627	561	3	564	89.95%	63	3/27/2019
264	GLENVILLE	82	80	0	80	97.56%	2	3/20/2019
266	HARTLAND	16	15	0	15	93.75%	1	9/12/2018
317	EMMONS	63	54	0	54	85.71%	9	1/9/2019
404	ALDEN	113	103	0	103	91.15%	10	3/20/2019
552	FREEBORN	39	33	0	33	84.62%	6	2/13/2019
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS		940	846	3	849	90.32%	91	
91	AUSTIN	547	479	2	481	87.93%	66	3/27/2019
105	LYLE	90	85	0	85	94.44%	5	3/13/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	49	42	0	42	85.71%	7	3/20/2019
146	ADAMS	214	182	0	182	85.05%	32	2/13/2019
161	LEROY	62	49	0	49	79.03%	13	3/13/2019
570	AUSTIN SPAM	7	9	0	9	128.57%	-2	10/31/2018
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		969	846	2	848	87.51%	121	
AREA FOUR TOTALS		1909	1692	5	1697	88.89%	212	
1111	DAKOTA	50	0	0	0	0.00%	50	8/1/2018
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		8553	7834	26	7860	91.90%	693	

AREA	VICE	COMMANDERS							
AREA ONE			3249	3053	8	3061	94.21%	188	
AREA TWO			1797	1663	13	1676	93.27%	121	
AREA THREE			1548	1426	0	1426	92.12%	122	
AREA FOUR			1909	1692	5	1697	88.89%	212	

Place	District	Percentage
1st	District 3	93.70%
2nd	District 6	93.12%
3rd	District 2	92.26%
4th	District 1	91.90%
5th	District 5	91.79%
6th	District 7	91.69%
7th	District 10	91.55%
8th	District 9	91.39%
9th	District 4	91.06%
10th	District 8	90.95%
	At Large	90.39%

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

As of this report we are hovering in 4th place but we are less than 2% from 1st place lets get out there and talk to these members.

We have 6 posts that only need 1 member to make goal.

We have 12 posts that need 5 or less to make goal.

With District convention a month and a half away let's get this done.

Gary Weaver

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR BLOOD REPORT AND SEND TO MYRON EHRICH AT

220 Irvin St - West Concord, MN 55985

(should have received yours in a Department mailing)

**2019 AMERICAN LEGION
POST BLOOD DONATION REQUEST**

TO: Post Adjutants or Post Blood Chairman

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

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

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

POST NUMBER _____ DISTRICT _____

POST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

YOUR NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

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

OPTIONAL PAGE

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

Does your Post participate in a blood program? YES _____ NO _____

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

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

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

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

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Spring has arrived hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather. Thoughts and prayers to our members that have been affected by the flooding.

District Convention will be held in Stewartville on May 18th our session starts at 8:30am. The Auxiliary will be meeting at the Sportsman Club 1735 County 6 SW, Stewartville. Thank you to the Stewartville Unit and Post for hosting it. Come join the fun and give them a wonderful turn out.

Annual report forms are due into Department by April 15th please remember to fill them out and return them. I have been asked why we do annual reports here are some of the reasons. "The annual reports that record the activities and accomplishments of the Units within the American Legion Auxiliary and is the **ONLY RECORD** that is available of what has been done by our Units, the Districts and the Departments. Every Unit's activities - no matter how much or how little - make up the record of what almost one million women have done in service to others. Every little bit helps to reflect the true picture of the programs carried on throughout the organization. Our National organizations - both The American Legion and Auxiliary - must report to Congress and the Veterans Administration each year as to what our organizations have done. The information that is used for these reports is taken from the annual reports that are received. Let's hear from every Unit and have 100% reporting this year, showing Congress, the VA, our own Minnesota Legislators and our veterans what we do in service to others." (ALA Department of MN)

Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. Douglas MacArthur

Michelle Weaver
Weaver.michelle595@gmail.com

608-881-9049



Auxiliary Call to Convention

The annual First District of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held in Stewartville, Minnesota on Saturday May 18, 2019. Auxiliary session will be held at the Stewartville Sportsman's Club, 1735 County Road 6 SW, Stewartville, Minnesota.

Opening session will be called on May 18, 2019 at 8:30 am.

The purpose of the convention is to:

Elect District Officers for the 2019 – 2020 year

Receive reports of Unit Presidents

Receive reports of District Chairman's

Elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention

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

District Chairmen

All District Chairmen must file/type a report for the District Book of Annual Reports, which will be distributed at the Convention. Reports should include information from the Unit annual reports forwarded to each respective Chairman by the Department office shortly after April 15 and any pertinent information regarding District projects or activities in your program area. Reports should be forwarded to the First District President **No later than May 1, 2019**. If possible, reports should be typewritten and ready to print.

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

Unit Color Bearers

Units are encouraged to bring their flags to the Convention to be presented as part of the opening ceremonies, posted during the Auxiliary sessions and retired at the close of the convention. Auxiliary members who are carrying in their flags at the District Convention are asked to meet at the session meeting room at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 18, 2019 to rehearse.

Pages and Color Bearers

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

Unit Presidents

All Unit Presidents are asked to take part in the **Opening Ceremonies** at the District Convention regardless of whether or not their Unit Colors will be present. Please be at the session meeting room at 8:00 am to rehearse.

All Unit Presidents are expected to prepare a two minute report about unit activities throughout this past year.

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

County Council Presidents

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

PITCURES OF THE FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY JR CONFERENCE

MARCH 16, 2019 AT OWATONNA POST 77



Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Precent	Left	
15	9 Winona	181		0		106	58.56%	75
	90 Lewiston	42		0		34	80.95%	8
	190 St Charles	81		0		49	60.49%	32
	50 Wabasha	142		0		106	74.65%	36
	110 Lake City	88		0		71	80.68%	17
	179 Plainview	185		0		117	63.24%	68
	546 Kellogg	141		0		117	82.98%	24
	573 Elgin	24		0		17	70.83%	7
	579 Millville	50		0		52	104.00%	-2
	588 Mazeppa	54		0		36	66.67%	18
	92 Rochester	183		0		120	65.57%	63
	119 Byron	95		0		74	77.89%	21
	164 Stewartville	188		0		167	88.83%	21
	551 Eyota	109		0		88	80.73%	21
Pod One Total		1563		0	0	1154	73.83%	409
	295 West Concord	37		0		33	89.19%	4
	330 Hayfield	198		0		171	86.36%	27
	333 Kasson	151		0		126	83.44%	25
	384 Dodge Center	81		0		73	90.12%	8
	422 Claremont	22		0		20	90.91%	2
	52 Blooming Prairie	118		0		100	84.75%	18
	77 Owatonna	138		0		104	75.36%	34
	75 New Richland	66		0		48	72.73%	18
	228 Waseca	237		0		218	91.98%	19
	587 Waldorf	30		0		16	53.33%	14
Pod Two Totals		1078		0	0	909	84.32%	169
	40 Lanesboro	104		0		85	81.73%	19
	68 Spring Valley	47		0		41	87.23%	6
	81 Harmony	53		0		44	83.02%	9
	94 Rushford	78		0		49	62.82%	29
	197 Chatfield	40		0		31	77.50%	9
	299 Mabel	139		0		111	79.86%	28
	369 Wykoff	17		0		16	94.12%	1
	526 Peterson	38		0		39	102.63%	-1
	544 Ostrander	18		0		14	77.78%	4
	637 Whalen	25		0		21	84.00%	4
	191 Caledonia	79		0		74	93.67%	5
	249 Spring Grove	144		0		112	77.78%	32
	423 Houston	144		0		117	81.25%	27
	498 Hokah	21		0		17	80.95%	4
	595 LaCrescent	233		0		168	72.10%	65
Pod Three Totals		1180		0	0	939	79.58%	241
	56 Albert Lea	342		0		282	82.46%	60
	264 Glenville	111		0		84	75.68%	27
	404 Alden	49		0		34	69.39%	15
	552 Freeborn	65		0		60	92.31%	5
	91 Austin	169		0		120	71.01%	49
	105 Lyle	55		0		53	96.36%	2
	140 Grand Meadow	79		0		62	78.48%	17
	146 Adams	148		0		123	83.11%	25
	161 Leroy	68		0		36	52.94%	32
Pod Four Totals		1086		0	0	854	78.64%	232
Total		4907		0	0	3856	78.58%	1051

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

April Newsletter

Thank you Membership Chairs, for your hard work on getting your renewals in and adding new members.

We are 5th in Department at 3,880 members 3/21/2018.

Our district is down 375 members from 4,255 last year.

Department is down 2,018 members to date. All districts are down, but First District has the largest decrease.

Just keep turning in!

Wanda Prescher - Membership Chair

POPPY—March 2019

To all members, including Legionairres, SAL & riders:

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

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

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

Shaaron Barnes

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

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

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

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

District chairman,



Sandy Fredrickson

PLAQUES AND AWARDS

PROGRAM - POPPY - Shaaron Barnes, Chairman

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

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Vanlandingham Poppy Plaque

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

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

Award: Plaque, presented at Department Convention

Poppy Poster Contest

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

* The contest shall have seven classes

Class I: Grades 2 & 3

Class IV: Grades 8 & 9

Class II: Grades 4 & 5

Class V: Grades 10 & 11

Class III: Grades 6 & 7

Class VI: Grade 12

Class VII: Students with special needs as defined as:

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

* Poppy Poster Requirements:

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

MISS POPPY CONTEST

Award Criteria: Little Miss Poppy - Ages 6 - 12

Award Guidelines:

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

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

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION POPPY CONTEST.

Award Criteria: **Potted Plant or terrarium**

Award Guideline

Must use Department President’s Jean’s theme “Veteran’s Are Our Stars and Heroes).

Award Criteria **Stuffed Animal**

Must use Department President’s Jean’s theme “Veteran’s Are Our Star’s and Heroes”) and the poppy.

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

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

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

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NATIONL AWARDS

A. POPPY POSTER CONTEST

* See Department Awards - same rules apply

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

* See Department Awards - same rules apply

C. UNIT AWARDS; MOST OUTSTANDING UNIT POPPY PROGRAM

* Award: Citation Plaque

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

* Materials and guidelines:

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

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

D. DEPARTMENT AWARD; BEST POPPY PROGRAM

* Award: Citation

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

* Materials and guidelines:

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

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



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



COMMANDER

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Greetings and SALutations!

It is nice to see the temperatures increase as I hope that winter has finally left us for another few months.

ADJUTANT

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Membership: As of the Detachment Spring Conference in Waite Park on March 16th, we are currently 5th in the Detachment at 81.08%. I would like to thank everyone for working so hard this membership year but we still have a lot of work to do to get to 100% for membership. Please do everything you can within your Squadron to get those last memberships turned in. We still have four Squadrons on the Goose Egg and those Squadrons are as follows: Mabel, Caledonia, Houston, and New Richland. If you know of anyone that we can get in contact with within these squadrons or posts, please let me know. Remember that we as a District are not successful if the Squadrons themselves are not successful.

EAST SIDE VICE COMMANDER

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Child Welfare Foundation: As many of you know, my project this year is Child Welfare Foundation. We are trying to be the District with the highest amount of donations. I would like to thank the following Squadrons and Unit that have made donations to my project: Winona Squadron 9 - \$1000.00; Stewartville Squadron 164 - \$148.00; Rochester Squadron 92 - \$500.00; La Crescent Unit 595 - \$50.00. This puts us at a total of \$1698.00!! Thank you so much for your continued support of this great program. These donations do not include the Piggy Banks that I have brought to rallies or that are at the Posts or your homes. Please make sure to bring these piggy banks to me or Gary Weaver by no later than the Legion District Convention on May 18th. This gives us enough time to get the money counted and have a check written so that I can present the check at the Detachment Convention in Legionville on June 29th.

WEST SIDE VICE COMMANDER

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District Convention: Our District Convention will be held in Stewartville on May 4th. The Executive Board starts at 9am and the General Session will follow. There will be many things that will be discussed including making changes to our by-laws to set an official date for our Convention in the future. This is also the time when we will elect our new officers for the upcoming Membership year. Again, if you are interested or know someone who is interested in taking a District Office for the upcoming year, please let me know ASAP. The Call to Convention will be included in this newsletter so if you are planning on attending, please fill out the registration and send it in.

MEMBERSHIP

As always, please keep our servicemen and women in your prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Weaver
District 1 SAL Commander

2019 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, Tim Weaver, First District Commander, do here by call a Convention of the First District Sons of The American Legion to convene at American Legion Post 164 located at 1100 2nd Ave NW, Stewartville, MN on Saturday May 4th, 2019 with exec board at 9 am, regular meeting at 10 am. As per last year's convention this year we are meeting 2 weeks before the Legion and Auxiliary.

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:

1st District Commander
Tim Weaver
1303 Kane St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

All District SAL members are urged to attend.

Tim Weaver
1st District SAL Commander

SAL Delegate certification to the First District Convention in Stewartville, MN on Saturday May 4th, 2019

Squadron _____, MN
Delegates Alternates

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| _____ | 1. _____ |
| _____ | 2. _____ |
| _____ | 3. _____ |
| _____ | 4. _____ |
| _____ | 5. _____ |
| _____ | 6. _____ |

Signed _____

Adjutant Squadron # _____

SAL OFFICER ENDOREMENTS

Gittens-Leidel Squadron 595
Sons of the American Legion

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

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

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

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

Gary L. Weaver

Adjutant

Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 595

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

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

For God and Country

Roger Ockwig

Commander Waseca Squadron #228

SAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 3/19/2019

SQUAD	LOCATION	GQAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	79	79	0	79	100.00%	0	2/13/2019
40	LANESBORO	60	58	1	59	98.33%	1	3/19/2019
50	WABASHA	9	6	0	6	66.67%	3	2/13/2019
90	LEWISTON	45	46	0	46	102.22%	-1	2/13/2019
92	ROCHESTER	131	100	15	115	87.79%	16	3/19/2019
94	RUSHFORD	46	19	14	33	71.74%	13	3/19/2019
119	BYRON	37	34	3	37	100.00%	0	3/19/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	109	59	0	59	54.13%	50	2/13/2019
166	PRESTON	42	39	0	39	92.86%	3	2/13/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	16	10	3	13	81.25%	3	3/19/2019
190	ST CHARLES	10	5	4	9	90.00%	1	3/19/2019
191	CALEDONIA	1	0	0	0	0.00%	1	2/13/2018
249	SPRING GROVE	1	2	0	2	200.00%	-1	2/13/2019
299	MABEL	26	0	0	0	0.00%	26	2/13/2019
423	HOUSTON	1	0	0	0	0.00%	1	2/13/2019
546	KELLOGG	22	19	0	19	86.36%	3	2/13/2019
551	EYOTA	42	26	4	30	71.43%	12	2/13/2019
573	ELGIN	1	1	0	1	100.00%	0	2/13/2019
579	MILLVILLE	29	25	0	25	86.21%	4	2/13/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	69	51	17	68	98.55%	1	3/19/2019
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		776	0	0	640	82.47%	136	2/13/2019
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	40	39	0	39	97.50%	1	2/13/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	139	104	8	112	80.58%	27	3/19/2019
75	NEW RICHLAND	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	2/13/2019
77	OWATONNA	140	108	7	115	82.14%	25	3/19/2019
91	AUSTIN	70	45	18	63	90.00%	7	2/13/2019
105	LYLE	33	1	0	1	3.03%	32	2/13/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	11	0	0	0	0.00%	11	2/13/2019
146	ADAMS	134	55	0	55	41.04%	79	2/13/2019
161	LEROY	49	38	0	38	77.55%	11	2/13/2019
228	WASECA	130	113	4	117	90.00%	13	3/19/2019
264	GLENVILLE	39	37	6	43	110.26%	-4	2/13/2019
266	HARTLAND	13	11	0	11	84.62%	2	2/13/2019
281	JANESVILLE	8	0	7	7	87.50%	1	3/19/2019
317	EMMONS	14	1	0	1	7.14%	13	2/13/2019
330	HAYFIELD	34	34	4	38	111.76%	-4	3/19/2019
333	KASSON	33	39	3	42	127.27%	-9	3/19/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	11	6	4	10	90.91%	1	3/19/2019
404	ALDEN	61	34	15	49	80.33%	12	2/13/2019
552	FREEBORN	30	26	2	28	93.33%	2	2/13/2019
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		992	0	78	769	77.52%	223	2/13/2019
1111	DAKOTA	83	61	7	68	81.93%	15	3/19/2019
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		1849	0	0	1552	83.94%	297	2/13/2019

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2019 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 Stewartville American Legion post, 1100 2nd Ave NW, Stewartville, MN at 1:00 PM on Saturday May 18, 2019 in conjunction with the First District American Legion Family Convention.

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 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



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

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

Proceeds going to help Veterans in need

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



Albert Lea American Legion Riders



Annual Chili Cook-Off, Soup Supper, and LIVE Auction

At Albert Lea American Legion Post 56
 Friday April 19, 2019
 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Free Will Donation
 Proceeds go to:
Annual Scholarship Fund
 Silent Auction ends at 8:00 PM




~Chili Cook-Off~
 Sample them for free and vote for winner
 Cooks- Bring a crockpot of chili by 5:00 PM
 Only \$5 Entry Fee

Contact Duane Thomas for more information 507-402-3006

SALAD LUNCHEON

Starts at 11 a.m.
Until gone!






\$7 per person

Proceeds go to Legion Auxiliary projects

Friday, April 5th, 11 am-1 pm

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

STEAK FRY



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

12 oz. ribeye \$15
6 shrimp \$10
8 oz. ribeye & 3 shrimp \$15

Proceeds go toward required kitchen upgrades and other building repairs.

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

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



