



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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

More information will sent out as it becomes available.

April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday, don't forget the reason for the season and have a safe Easter.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

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

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings First District American Legion Family!

We all need to stay strong and healthy and united through this global covid-19 virus. It is setting our schedule and interrupting it at the same time..

Reports are coming due, complete them and send them to the correct address, if mailing them do it a few days early since we are experiencing longer mail times.

We are having things postponed or cancelled.

My testimonial has been postponed for now until further notice. The First District American legion convention is the big question now. Watch for updates!

We are abiding by National and Department recommendations. All American Legion events planned/ scheduled for APRIL are postponed or cancelled.

Pray for all our Leaders from world to local, that are making these sometimes life and death decisions.

Pray for all the deployed and their families. Pray for all the medical personnel, first responders ,law enforcement they are also on the front line.

Continue to do the buddy checks.
THANK YOU for your service and continued support.
Your District Commander
DALE WELLIK



From your 1st District Legion Chaplain

Chaplain News for April 2020

To the American Legion Family,

I've been thinking about this letter for the past few days. What am I to say, with all that has happened? This virus has taken its toll on how we react to one another. Some people are staying in place and not moving about, while others are guilty of carrying on with life like nothing has happened.

The biggest disappointment for me, personally, is that the government has closed all places of worship. Here we are at one of the most important seasons in the Christian faith, and we can't come together to celebrate. Sure, we can celebrate in our homes and remember what Jesus did for us as He went to the cross and took away my sins and yours. He carried the weight of the world on His back, so that you and I might have new life. Easter is a time of year when many faith groups gather to give thanks for all that Jesus has done for us; it is a time to thank God for sending His only Son as payment for our sins. It's a time of year to gather together as family, friends, and fellow believers. That's what I miss the most.

As I think about this virus and how it has affected us as a nation, I can't help but look back at the 1919 Spanish Flu which started in 1918 and went through 1920. During that time estimates indicate that from 1 to 3% of the world's population lost their lives. And here we are, 100 years later in another flu type pandemic that may cause just as much harm, or so some say. I looked up some information on seasonal flu documented by the World Health Organization that indicates anywhere from 300,000-600,000 people die each year from flu.

FDR said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." The Bible tells us in Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." I have read where there are 365 "fear nots" in the Bible—one for each day of the year. So do not fear what this world has sent our way, but have faith that God has everything in control.

Continue to pray for our service personnel and for one another.

Until Next Month,
Larry H. Otto

2020 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, Dale Wellik, do hereby call a convention of the First District to convene at Austin, Minnesota, Saturday May 16, 2020.

The business sessions of the convention will be held at Austin American Legion Post 91, located at 809 12th St SW, Austin, MN commencing at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16th 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
Dale Wellik

Delegate Certification to the First District Convention in Austin, Minnesota, May 16, 2020, please send to the District Adjutant as soon as possible.

POST _____ MN

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

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SIGNED _____

DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC THIS EVENT MAY BE POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE WITH MORE INFORMATION TO BE FORTH COMING



FIRST DISTRICT COMMANDER'S TESTIMONIAL
Commander Dale Wellik

WHERE -----
ter American Legion

Dodge Cen-

Street

401 West Hwy

Dodge Center, MN

WHEN -----

-----April 25, 2020

Social time 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Program to follow

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

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

RSVP to : Dale Wellik at 1-507-421-5674 or 1-507-374-2766 and
leave a message, or e-mail him at treeson34@gmail.com

Please rsvp no later than April 10, 2020.

Menu:

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

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THIS EVENT
IS POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE.
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING.**

To whom it may concern

THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Attention; MN Gold Star Monument Committee

4520 58th LN NW

Rochester, MN 55901

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

Dave Swenson 507-206-8479



NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND EXCELLENCE AWARD INFORMATION

PLEASE READ

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

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

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

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

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

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

FROM AREA TWO

As the sun comes up this Monday morning, I can only Hope and Pray that this newsletter finds you safe. It's been said we are fighting an invisible war, this Covid-19 virus. Many of you reading have fought during wartime. You realize the need to follow orders from superiors. Being discipline is a must. With that being said, I know we will win this invisible war just like we've won all other wars and pandemics and will come out stronger as a people and a nation.

I'm hearing around Area Two that Posts are taking time to spruce up their Posts & Club Rooms during this shutdown in anticipation of May 1st. Waseca Post 228 being my Post home has taken this time and did inventory, waxed the Hall floor, shampooed the carpet in the Club and has been doing a through deep cleaning. All this has allowed them to keep both our Club Manager and Cleaning man employed. I would like to hear from any Post on how they are handling the shutdown of their Post. Feel free to e-mail me at mparry57@gmail.com.

I've been watching a video of Dr. Thomas Cowen as he discusses his thoughts on the reasons for the Covid-19 virus and all the major viruses we've had since the 1900's. If you're interested in watching this video here's the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/rec/play/6JF8Juz6rm03TtWT5QSDBPQqW9S5JqKshilKr6ELzB2xB3JSO1GjYucTNOMhfOm5-BcCHyT6-3zt5sd8?>

A Verse for Our Time
 We must eradicate from the soul
 All fear and terror of what comes towards man out of
 the future.
 We must acquire serenity
 In all feelings and sensations about the future.
 We must look forward with absolute equanimity
 To everything that may
 come.

And we must think only that whatever comes
 Is given to us by a world-directive full of wisdom.
 It is part of what we must learn in this age,
 namely, to live out of pure trust,
 Without any security in existence.
 Trust in the ever present help
 Of the spiritual world.
 Truly, nothing else will do
 If our courage is not to fail us.
 And let us seek the awakening from within ourselves
 Every morning and every evening.

- Rudolf Steiner

Be Safe. Be Disciplined and Pray that God Blesses
 America!!!

Mike Parry, Area Two Vice Commander

FROM AREA ONE

Hope everyone is safe and healthy as we are going through this pandemic. Hopefully this will end soon.

I would like to say a great job to all members who helped in getting to their membership goals. We have many posts that have made goal and many who are close in making their goal.

Just a reminder that the American Legion is here to help in any we can. In order to find out how you can help just call your post commanders and let them know you are available. If you are in need of help please reach out to your Post Commander.

Also I would ask that you and your post members are calling one another and doing buddy checks to see how each one of you are doing. These are trying times but we can make it by working together. Continue to practice social distancing and unnecessary travel. Let's keep our heads up high and together we will get through this. Remember to tell our members of why we are so strong. Thank You

Area One Vice Commander
 Mark A Maloney



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25 February 2020

Dear American Legion Family,

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

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

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

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

For God and Country

Eugene Leifeld
Vice President-Legionville
507-319-8150

OR

Glenn Mueller
Board Member
507-316-3977

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 3/25/20

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TO-TAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	546	519	5	524	95.97%	22	3/18/2020
90	LEWISTON	71	69	-1	68	95.77%	3	2/12/2020
190	ST CHARLES	141	124	3	127	90.07%	14	3/25/2020
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		758	712	7	719	94.85%	39	3/25/2020
50	WABASHA	213	208	3	211	99.06%	2	2/19/2020
110	LAKE CITY	148	135	3	138	93.24%	10	3/25/2020
179	PLAINVIEW	171	153	1	154	90.06%	17	3/11/2020
546	KELLOGG	64	60	2	62	96.88%	2	3/18/2020
573	ELGIN	28	27	1	28	100.00%	0	3/18/2020
579	MILLVILLE	146	179	-1	178	121.92%	-32	2/12/2020
588	MAZEPPA	75	69	1	70	93.33%	5	3/18/2020
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		845	831	10	841	99.53%	4	3/25/2020
92	ROCHESTER	887	854	8	862	97.18%	25	3/11/2020
119	BYRON	140	121	3	124	88.57%	16	2/26/2020
164	STEWARTVILLE	292	293	1	294	100.68%	-2	3/25/2020
446	ROCHESTER	15	15	1	16	106.67%	-1	3/18/2020
551	EYOTA	185	179	1	180	97.30%	5	2/26/2020
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1519	1462	14	1476	97.17%	43	3/25/2020
AREA ONE TOTALS		3122	3005	31	3036	97.25%	86	3/25/2020
295	WEST CONCORD	61	52	10	62	101.64%	-1	2/12/2020
330	HAYFIELD	202	182	6	188	93.07%	14	2/12/2020
333	KASSON	260	255	3	258	99.23%	2	3/18/2020
384	DODGE CENTER	77	75	1	76	98.70%	1	3/18/2020
422	CLAREMONT	30	26	1	27	90.00%	3	1/8/2020
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		630	590	21	611	96.98%	19	3/25/2020
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	104	92	1	93	89.42%	11	2/26/2020
77	OWATONNA	468	432	13	445	95.09%	23	2/26/2020
296	ELLENDALE	35	35	1	36	102.86%	-1	2/26/2020
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		607	559	15	574	94.56%	33	3/25/2020
75	NEW RICHLAND	55	45	2	47	85.45%	8	1/22/2020
228	WASECA	319	304	1	305	95.61%	14	3/11/2020
281	JANESVILLE	93	84	2	86	92.47%	7	3/4/2020
587	WALDORF	26	20	2	22	84.62%	4	1/22/2020
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		493	453	7	460	93.31%	33	3/25/2020
AREA TWO TOTALS		1730	1602	43	1645	95.09%	85	3/25/2020

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

Myron Ehrich - First District Membership Director

10	40	LANESBORO	107	107	1	108	100.93%	-1	3/11/2020
	68	SPRING VALLEY	77	71	4	75	97.40%	2	1/22/2020
	81	HARMONY	31	22	8	30	96.77%	1	1/8/2020
	94	RUSHFORD	122	89	3	92	75.41%	30	2/12/2020
	166	PRESTON	66	54	6	60	90.91%	6	10/30/2019
	197	CHATFIELD	50	44	1	45	90.00%	5	3/4/2020
	299	MABEL	159	162	2	164	103.14%	-5	2/26/2020
	369	WYKOFF	18	12	4	16	88.89%	2	9/13/2019
	400	CANTON	14	15	3	18	128.57%	-4	1/8/2020
	492	FOUNTAIN	15	10	4	14	93.33%	1	1/8/2020
	526	PETERSON	38	36	2	38	100.00%	0	3/18/2020
	544	OSTRANDER	23	22	1	23	100.00%	0	2/12/2020
	637	WHALEN	14	6	1	7	50.00%	7	11/26/2019
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS			734	650	40	690	94.01%	44	3/25/2020
	191	CALEDONIA	157	144	1	145	92.36%	12	2/12/2020
	249	SPRING GROVE	160	136	5	141	88.13%	19	3/4/2020
	423	HOUSTON	109	98	2	100	91.74%	9	2/26/2020
	498	HOKAH	21	19	2	21	100.00%	0	1/22/2020
	595	LA CRESCENT	290	265	1	266	91.72%	24	3/18/2020
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS			737	662	11	673	91.32%	64	3/25/2020
AREA THREE TOTALS			1471	1312	51	1363	92.66%	108	3/25/2020
	56	ALBERT LEA	576	529	2	531	92.19%	45	3/25/2020
	264	GLENVILLE	79	65	4	69	87.34%	10	2/12/2020
	266	HARTLAND	16	12	1	13	81.25%	3	11/26/2019
	317	EMMONS	58	51	2	53	91.38%	5	1/8/2020
	404	ALDEN	114	94	10	104	91.23%	10	1/15/2020
	552	FREEBORN	34	29	3	32	94.12%	2	3/11/2020
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS			877	780	22	802	91.45%	75	3/25/2020
	91	AUSTIN	500	484	2	486	97.20%	14	3/18/2020
	105	LYLE	87	80	4	84	96.55%	3	2/19/2020
	140	GRAND MEADOW	45	40	1	41	91.11%	4	1/22/2020
	146	ADAMS	188	183	1	184	97.87%	4	3/18/2020
	161	LEROY	51	46	3	49	96.08%	2	2/12/2020
	570	AUSTIN SPAM	8	12	1	13	162.50%	-5	1/22/2020
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS			879	845	12	857	97.50%	22	3/25/2020
AREA FOUR TOTALS			1756	1625	34	1659	94.48%	97	3/25/2020
	1111	DAKOTA	70	0	8	8	11.43%	62	2/26/2020
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS			8149	7544	175	7711	94.63%	438	3/25/2020

AREA VICE COMMANDERS									
AREA ONE			3122	3005	31	3036	97.25%	86	3/25/2020
AREA TWO			1730	1602	43	1645	95.09%	85	3/25/2020
AREA THREE			1471	1312	51	1363	92.66%	108	3/25/2020
AREA FOUR			1756	1625	34	1659	94.48%	97	3/25/2020



From Your Adjutant

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

FROM YOUR RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN

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

First District Resolution Chairman

Rich Gosse

1136 6th St W

Wabasha, MN 55981

NOTICE TO ALL LEGIONAIRES

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

**Commander - Mark Maloney
Dale Wellik**

Finance Officer - Bill Goede

Chaplain - Larry Otto

Area Four Vice Cmdr - Mary Hanson

Dept. 1st & 3rd Vice Commander - Gary Weaver

Department Chaplain—Larry Otto

Delegates:

Dale Wellik *

Mary Hanson

Richard Skillestad

Myron Ehrich

Bill Goede *

Chuck Kruger

James Kellogg

Larry Otto

Gary Miller - Alt

Gary Weaver

Roland Hanson

*** = automatic delegate**

**2020 AMERICAN LEGION
POST BLOOD DONATION REQUEST**

TO: Post Adjutants or Post Blood Chairman

This report is for dates January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Please answer the following questions and return by May 1, 2020 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, 2020.
CHAIRMAN ARE LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.**

FIRST DISTRICT BLOOD CHAIRMAN IS MYRON EHRIK SENT THIS FORM TO HIM AT:

**Myron Ehrich
220 Irvin St
West Concord, MN 55985**

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

What a couple of weeks we have had with all the uncertainty Covid-19. The most important thing is that all our members and their families stay safe and healthy!

Everyone is to be complemented on membership! As of March 23rd 1st. District is still in 1st. place in Department at 3880 members 91.86%. The slide has stopped, up 43 members from last year!

This has been a great effort from our Membership Chairs and our members!

Thank you, to everyone who has worked so hard to achieve this for our District!

Remember Annual Reports are due to Department by April 15th!

Units that still have raffle tickets, I need those sent back to me. The drawing will be on May 2nd. for the quilt, even though I have postponed my Testimonial Dinner for now.

I want to thank those Units that supported my project for the Veterans at the VA, it says a lot about our Units that support our veterans. I couldn't have done it without you!

Department was asked by the VA to make facemask for our veterans, the pattern was sent to Unit President's last week, but will also be available in the newsletter. They are greatly needed at the VA and the Veterans Home's, this is a great way to help our veterans right now!

They can be mailed to:

MVAHCS
Voluntary Service (135)
1 Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

We are living in a difficult time in our history. We should be proud of our members who quickly stepped forward immediately to make face mask or whatever they have done to help others in our communities at this time! Helping others is what we do best!

Be safe and healthy!

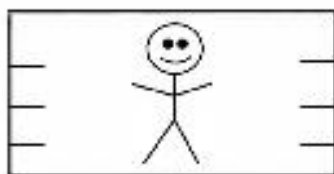
President Wanda

How to make a *Face Mask*

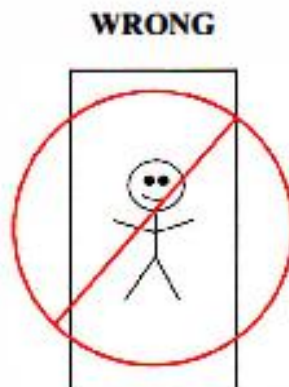
You will need a cotton fabric, any print for adult: 100% cotton, tightly woven fabric is preferred. Cotton flannel for the backing is preferred, though a different print of standard cotton is accepted.
 1/8" flat braided elastic
 Cut the elastic 7" long

Adult face mask (9"x6")

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



RIGHT



adapted from pattern by

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Full Tutorial on their Facebook and Website

First District Testimonial
Honoring
Wanda Prescher – District President

Date: Saturday, May 2nd

Where: Stewartville American Legion Post 164

1100 2nd Avenue NW

Stewartville, MN 55976

Time: Social hour from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm.

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

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POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE.
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Program to fol-

Cost: \$20.00
person

RSVP to
Audrey Farnsworth

Monday, April 20, 2020

Audrey at (507) 533-4454 (home) or 507- 319-0257 (cell) with

questions

No reservations will be taken by phone

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to: Stewartville American Legion Auxiliary #164

Send Reservations to:
Audrey Farnsworth
302 1st Street E
Stewartville, MN 55976

There will be Karaoke following Wanda’s Testimonial in the Bar from 8 PM to 12 AM

Auxiliary 2020 Call to Convention

The annual First District of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held in Austin, Minnesota on Saturday May 16, 2020. Auxiliary session will be held at the Mower County Historical building located at, 1303 6th Ave SW, Austin, Minnesota.

Opening session will be called on May 16, 2020 at 8:30 am.

The purpose of the convention is to:

Elect District Officers for the 2020 – 2021 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 April 15, 2020**. If possible, reports should be type-written 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 16, 2020 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.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Bulletin #20

3/23/2020

2020 Membership

RENEW - RECRUIT - REJOIN

Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year	Difference from Last Year
One	48	4,177	43	3,837	91.86%	3,880	43
Two	75	4,191	56	3,820	91.15%	3,947	127
Three	47	4,064	62	3,700	91.04%	3,716	16
Four	7	624	12	562	90.06%	566	4
Five	7	603	1	536	88.89%	557	21
Six	63	5,393	96	4,934	91.49%	5,030	96
Seven	60	3,369	21	3,035	90.09%	3,164	129
Eight	25	1,363	29	1,245	91.34%	1,251	6
Nine	50	3,618	42	3,262	90.16%	3,365	103
Ten	47	4,304	63	3,843	89.29%	3,947	104
1982 Dept	1	178	2	197	107.87%	173	-19
District Totals:	430	31,884	427	28,966	90.85%	29,596	630
Group 1 (Even)	217	15,875	256	14,404	90.73%	14,741	337
<i>Patty Coleman</i>							
Group 2 (Odd)	212	15,831	169	14,370	90.77%	14,682	312
<i>Mary Kuperus</i>							



RANKINGS

10th	85.89%	9th	89.29%	8th	90.06%	7th	90.09%	6th	90.16%	5th	91.04%	4th	91.15%	3rd	91.34%	2nd	91.49%	1st	91.86%
District 5		District 10		District 4		District 7		District 9		District 3		District 2		District 8		District 6		District 1	



FIRST DISTRICT AUILIARY MEMBERSHIP SPREADSHEET FOR 3/23/20

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Precent
9	Winona	137	134	1	135	98.54%
90	Lewiston	37	35	0	35	94.59%
190	St Charles	53	44	0	44	83.02%
50	Wabasha	113	104	3	107	94.69%
110	Lake City	72	57	6	63	87.50%
179	Plainview	139	107	9	116	83.45%
546	Kellogg	124	101	3	104	83.87%
573	Elgin	18	12	0	12	66.67%
579	Millville	53	45	5	50	94.34%
588	Mazeppa	37	36	0	36	97.30%
92	Rochester	135	133	1	134	99.26%
119	Byron	75	40	0	40	53.33%
164	Stewartville	173	167	3	170	98.27%
551	Eyota	100	91	4	95	95.00%
Pod One Total		1266	1106	35	1141	90.13%
295	West Concord	34	31	0	31	91.18%
330	Hayfield	182	155	9	164	90.11%
333	Kasson	133	130	3	133	100.00%
384	Dodge Center	75	63	0	63	84.00%
422	Claremont	21	19	0	19	90.48%
52	Blooming Prairie	104	89	0	89	85.58%
77	Owatonna	113	106	3	109	96.46%
75	New Richland	49	44	0	44	89.80%
228	Waseca	243	209	14	223	91.77%
587	Waldorf	19	20	0	20	105.26%
Pod Two Totals		973	866	29	895	91.98%

AUXILIARY SPEADSHEET FOR 3/23/20 CONTINUED

40	Lanesboro	103	93	0	93	90.29%	10
68	Spring Valley	42	38	0	38	90.48%	4
81	Harmony	53	40	0	40	75.47%	13
94	Rushford	55	39	5	44	80.00%	11
197	Chatfield	32	29	0	29	90.63%	3
299	Mabel	123	103	2	105	85.37%	18
369	Wykoff	17	16	0	16	94.12%	1
526	Peterson	43	45	0	45	104.65%	-2
544	Ostrander	15	13	0	13	86.67%	2
637	Whalen	22	20	0	20	90.91%	2
191	Caledonia	75	74	0	74	98.67%	1
249	Spring Grove	122	98	5	103	84.43%	19
423	Houston	138	115	10	125	90.58%	13
498	Hokah	18	17	0	17	94.44%	1
595	LaCrescent	181	157	7	164	90.61%	17
Pod Three Totals		1039	897	24	926	89.12%	113
56	Albert Lea	289	259	21	280	96.89%	9
264	Glenville	87	89	0	89	102.30%	-2
404	Alden	37	33	3	36	97.30%	1
552	Freeborn	61	60	0	60	98.36%	1
91	Austin	128	126	6	132	103.13%	-4
105	Lyle	56	50	0	50	89.29%	6
140	Grand Meadow	63	64	0	64	101.59%	-1
146	Adams	132	118	3	121	91.67%	11
161	Leroy	46	43	0	43	93.48%	3
Pod Four Totals		899	842	33	875	97.33%	24
Total		4177	3711	121	3837	91.86%	340

American Legion Auxiliary

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March-April 2020

NATIONAL SECURITY

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME AGAIN!

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

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

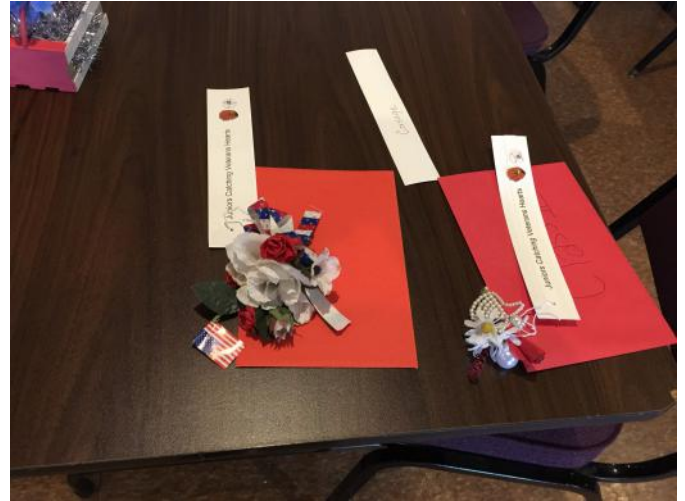
You can help make the day for our military members and send them Girl Scout Cookies! Add a few boxes in the care packages that you send to local troops. If you partner with a local Blue Star Mothers Chapter, perhaps your Unit can purchase a quantity for them to add to their packages.

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

23 PICTURES OF THE FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY JR CONFERENCE



ENTRIES IN THE POPPY CONTEST AT THE JR CONFERENCE



**VERY COOL
WELL DONE LADIES**

We need more Jr and Sr members to attend this event to see and hear what these amazing young ladies do for the veterans in their areas.

OFFICER INSTALLATIONS AT THE FIRST DISTRICT

JR CONFERENCE



THE FIRST DISTRICT JR OFFICERS FOR 2020—2021

JUNIOR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

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

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



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



CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

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

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

Question: Why change ALA membership eligibility?

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

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

Q: How can this change help ALA membership?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: We anticipate taking applications on Sept. 1.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THIS IS THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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ENDORSEMENTS FOR SAL OFFICERS

1. LaCrescent Squadron 595 endorses Bill Goede for First District SAL Finance Officer.
2. LaCrescent Squadron 595 endorses Bill Goede for Detachment Alternate Executive Committee Man
4. Winona Squadron 9 endorses Brian Tomasheck for First District SAL East Side Vice Commander.



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2020 FIRST DISTRICT SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CALL TO CONVENTION

To all Squadrons of the First District.

By the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Minnesota, I, Greg Lemmer, First District SAL Commander, do here by call a Convention of the First District Sons of the American Legion to convene at Austin American Legion Post 91 located at 809 12th St SW in Austin, MN on Saturday May 2, 2020 at 9 AM.

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

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

Please send certification of your Squadron Delegates and Alternates to:

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

All District SAL Members are urged to attend.

Greg Lemmer
1st District SAL Commander

SAL Delegate certification to the First District SAL Convention in Austin, MN on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Squadron _____ MN

Delegates

Alternates

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

Signed _____

Adjutant Squadron # _____

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SAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 3/25/2020

SQUAD	LOCATION	GOAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	81	80	3	83	102.47%	-2	3/10/2020
40	LANESBORO	62	53	9	62	100.00%	0	3/10/2020
50	WABASHA	11	7	3	10	90.91%	1	12/10/2019
90	LEWISTON	47	0	47	47	100.00%	0	11/20/2019
92	ROCHESTER	133	125	-3	122	91.73%	11	3/10/2020
94	RUSHFORD	48	23	1	24	50.00%	24	3/10/2020
119	BYRON	38	38	1	39	102.63%	-1	3/25/2020
164	STEWARTVILLE	111	105	1	106	95.50%	5	3/25/2020
166	PRESTON	44	40	1	41	93.18%	3	1/29/2020
179	PLAINVIEW	18	7	4	11	61.11%	7	3/10/2020
190	ST CHARLES	12	13	-1	12	100.00%	0	3/10/2020
191	CALEDONIA	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
299	MABEL	29	12	3	15	51.72%	14	2/11/2020
423	HOUSTON	3	0	15	15	500.00%	-12	11/12/2019
446	ROCHESTER	10	0	10	10	100.00%	0	3/25/2020
546	KELLOGG	24	8	9	17	70.83%	7	1/15/2020
551	EYOTA	44	30	5	35	79.55%	9	2/11/2020
573	ELGIN	3	0	3	3	100.00%	0	9/12/2019
579	MILLVILLE	32	15	10	25	78.13%	7	2/11/2020
595	LA CRESCENT	71	36	24	60	84.51%	11	1/15/2020
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		827	0	145	737	89.12%	90	3/25/2020
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	42	0	41	41	97.62%	1	2/11/2020
56	ALBERT LEA	141	117	3	120	85.11%	21	2/20/2020
75	NEW RICHLAND	5	0	0	0	0.00%	5	8/19/2019
77	OWATONNA	142	114	-1	113	79.58%	29	3/10/2020
91	AUSTIN	72	58	4	62	86.11%	10	3/25/2020
105	LYLE	35	1	25	26	74.29%	9	2/20/2020
140	GRAND MEADOW	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
146	ADAMS	136	73	6	79	58.09%	57	2/11/2020
161	LEROY	51	37	3	40	78.43%	11	12/16/2019
228	WASECA	132	82	21	103	78.03%	29	3/10/2020
264	GLENVILLE	41	44	3	47	114.63%	-6	3/25/2020
266	HARTLAND	15	0	10	10	66.67%	5	11/12/2019
281	JANESVILLE	10	0	7	7	70.00%	3	2/11/2020
317	EMMONS	16	1	24	25	156.25%	-9	12/10/2019
330	HAYFIELD	36	33	1	34	94.44%	2	3/25/2020
333	KASSON	35	34	3	37	105.71%	-2	12/16/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	13	8	1	9	69.23%	4	3/25/2020
404	ALDEN	63	56	2	58	92.06%	5	3/10/2020
552	FREEBORN	32	23	4	27	84.38%	5	3/10/2020
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		1030	0	157	838	81.36%	192	3/25/2020
1111	DAKOTA	151	52	1	53	35.10%	98	2/11/2020
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		1857	52	303	1628	87.67%	229	3/25/2020

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FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT ALR

ALR Members,

Our next event is our convention meeting on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020.

See the call to convention in this newsletter for details.

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

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

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

Be an active member of the ALR chapter

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

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

Interaction with other ALR chapters

Other personal information that may be pertinent to this award.

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

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

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

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

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

2020 First District American Legion Rider Convention Call

To all American Legion Rider Chapters of the First District:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and by-laws of the American Legion Riders, Department of Minnesota, I Roe Naylor, First District ALR Director, do hereby call a convention meeting of the First District ALR to be held at the Austin American Legion at 1 PM, on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020.

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



DUE THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC THIS EVENT MAY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE. MORE INFORMATION WILL NBE FORTHCOMING.