



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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May 7, 2022 - The First District SAL Convention (see the call to Convention elsewhere in this newsletter) 9:00 AM in Albert Lea Post 56

May 7, 2022 - First District Legion Riders Convention (see more details elsewhere in this newsletter) at 1:00 PM in Albert Lea Post 56

May 21, 2022 - First District Legion and Auxiliary Conventions (see the call to conventions elsewhere in this newsletter) in Albert Lea Post 56.

May 30, 2022—Memorial Day— Please take time to stop and attend one of the many Memorial Day Programs in our District.

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 YOUR COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings to the 1st District American Legion Family,

I want to Thank the members of Post 56, Albert Lea for all the energies they have used to prepared for the upcoming 1st District Convention. Family members SAL & ALR will be holding their conventions on May 7th with the Legion & Auxiliary conventions on May 21st. If you haven't registered yet, look for the registration form in the newsletter and let's get it sent in. If you haven't registered yet my question to you is 'Why?' I seriously would like to know. Here's my e-mail mparry57@gmail.com. I think about the words that District Adjutant Wayne Hammon Jr. put in the newsletter a while back. It was entitled, "How to Ruin your American Legion Post." I would extend that title and add, "and your 1st District." Give it another thought. Come join us in Albert Lea at Post 56 for this year's 1st District Convention.

Here's hoping that your April Showers bring you May flowers
 God Bless America! God Bless our Veterans and their families!
 Commander Mike



CHANGES COMING FOR THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

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

FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

To the American Legion Family,

I don't remember ever having a spring like his one! Last year at this time farmers were done with all plantings, and this year, many have not turned a wheel in the field. Isn't that, just like a farmer, to complain. Seems we are never happy—too much rain, not enough rain. We can lose a crop 3 times before it's even in the ground! Yet, we continue to farm year after year.

If we stop and think about it, there's nothing to worry about, because God is the One in control of everything. The Bible tells us there will be seed time and harvest as stated in Genesis 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." In our human nature, we want to be in control. Now, I'm just picking on farmers, but I think all of us want to be in control. We all complain too much and grumble about most everything.

What we should do is be thankful for all God has given to us as Americans. All we have to do is look around at the rest of this world to see how blessed we are. Sure, we're not perfect, but we, as the United States of America just need to look at our southern border and see the number of people who wish to find a better future here. So let us give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all we have been blessed with.

Pray for our service personnel, do a buddy check, lend a helping hand to someone in need. Always remember if you can read and write thank a teacher. If you can read and write English, thank a Veteran. Also, remember Mothers' Day, May 8. May God bless all mothers and those who loved us like mothers. Set aside Memorial Day, May 30th, to fall out and honor those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

Until next month, may the peace and grace of our Heavenly Father be with you and yours.

Larry H. Otto
First District Chaplain



2022 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, Mike Parry, do hereby call a convention of the First District to convene at Albert Lea, Minnesota, Saturday May 21, 2022.

The business sessions of the convention will be held at Albert Lea Post 56, Albert Lea, MN, commencing at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 21st 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
Mike Parry

Delegate Certification to the First District Convention in Albert Lea, Minnesota, May 21, 2022, please send to the District Adjutant as soon as possible.

POST _____ MN

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

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SIGNED _____

ADJUTANT, POST # _____

DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT DATES.

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

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

ENDORSEMENTS RECEIVED SO FAR

- Mary Hanson for Commander
- Mark Maloney for Commander
- Bill Goede for Finance Officer
- Larry Otto for Chaplain

DELEGATE REQUESTS

- Mary Hanson
- Dale Wellik
- Gary Miller
- Bill Goede
- Chuck Kruger
- Myron Ehrich
- Larry Otto
- Jim Kellogg



Dodge Center Memorial Field of Flags during the National Legion Commander’s visit

FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

May 21,2022

American Legion Post 56, Albert Lea, MN

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

**American Legion Post 56
142 North Broadway
Albert Lea, MN 56007**

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

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

_____ Saturday lunch \$8:00

Total Amount _____

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

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

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

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

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

If you are a dual or triple member, you only need to register for one organization.

Legion _____ **Post #** _____ **Auxiliary** _____ **Unit #** _____ **SAL** _____ **Squadron** _____

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

_____ cut off _____

Hotel information for the First District Convention in Albert Lea

The post has blocked some rooms for Friday night May 21,2022 at the following:

**QUALITY INN AND SUITES
2306 EAST MAIN STREET
507 – 377 - 1803**

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

FROM YOUR BLOOD AND CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN

The Blood report is due back to Myron Ehrich (our District Blood Chairman) by May 1, 2022

The Children and Youth reports are also due May 1st

Myron Ehrich—Chairman Children & Youth and Blood Chairman



The National Commander receiving a gift from Con-Tech Manufacturing of Dodge Center



St Charles Post with 100% certificate Ke standing with the National Commander



National Commander greeting Tom Erwin, a post 384 member



National Commander with Post 384 officers



National Commander with Hayfield post 330 members at Dodge Center



National Commander with Unit 384 member Stacy Erwin



National Commander greeting a Korean Veteran at Dodge Center post 384



Reed Oberle of Rochester Post 92 with the National Commander in Dodge Center



The National Commander standing with the Dodge Center Color Guard

Greetings all - Below is a handout that you can pass along to the posts in your districts (I have also attached it as a google doc.) We are in the middle of our first round of registration. We are asking all posts to contact their local softball leagues and share the flyer with them. If you have a team that is interested in playing please have them register during this round so we can start to plan. Our webpage is up and running and we will continue to expand on that as the season progresses. We are also still looking for Legion District representatives in the 3rd,4th, 5th,8th and 9th districts. Also, anyone interested in being on the state committee please contact us.If you know of a post that has charitable gambling funds they would like to use to help sponsor teams who do not have a local post or the local post is unable to provide funding please let us know. Thank you all for your continued support - Let's Play Ball and make history in 2022!



Join us in making history!!!

Registration is now open!!!! The first round of registration is to gain insight on the number of teams that are interested. The full commitment from teams will come during the next stage April 15th - Memorial Day. This is when teams will be entering rosters, completing waivers, and paying the \$500 fee. We are excited about the interest we have seen and hope to see more teams register.

Follow the link to our webpage to register!!

<https://www.minnesotalegionsoftball.com/>

Our goal is to make fastpitch softball accessible to softball players across the state.

- 19U league (01/01/2003)
- Register on our website under the registration tab
- \$500 fee covers state fees and insurance
- Uniforms will require our softball logo on the left sleeve or left chest of the uniform.
- Teams are created based on school enrollment. Each player is tied directly to their high school. If two or more neighboring schools need to combine enrollment to create a team, that is acceptable as long as the enrollment does not surpass 3,600 students. If a team is created by a cooperative like this, all players in those schools would be tied to that team.
- League play will be done locally. Games will be scheduled by the teams in your district / conference.
- Playoffs will be overseen by directors.

Depending on the number of teams that register this year - we hope to have an 8 team state tournament meaning 7 qualifying teams and the host.

Please let us know if you have any questions at this time.

mnlegionsoftball@gmail.com

507-440-7690

701-318-0926

[MN American Legion Fastpitch Softball Facebook Page](#)

Thanks again for helping us make softball accessible to our female athletes all throughout the state!

FROM AREA FOUR

Hello Area 4 Comrades! Well I am not sure if spring weather has started. Today when I got up it is still 36 degrees however with a high 52 degrees today.

The districts next target date is 5-11-2022 to have membership at 100%. Currently, the 1st District is at 93.03%. There are 8 posts at 100% or higher. Along with many that are so close. Now is the time contact those members within your posts that have not renewed. Get a team to call those members, a buddy check and see why they haven't renewed their membership.

I attended Austin Post 91 breakfast for the National Commanders Tour in the 1st District. I met and spoke with the National Commander of The American Legion. This was clearly was an honor for me. Commander Dillard talked about a couple of his goals. Calling our legion members and doing buddy checks, not leaving our military personnel behind and the number of military personnel committing suicide every day.

This years convention and conference are here in Area 4. It's not that far from your post and would be good time for you and your membership to attend these events.

FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION PRE-REGISTERING forms have also been sent out. If you are a dual or triple member, you only need to register for one organization. Please make sure you get this to your post membership.

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It also has been posted for the upcoming Convention. Make sure your post's look at this and send your certification of your Post Delegates and Alternates to Wayne Hammon Jr, PO Box 135, LeRoy, MN 55951 before May 5th. All post membership are encouraged to attend.

Just a reminder to continue to work on your posts Consolidated Post Reports (CPR) because they are due before June. Post have a number of events every year ie: military funerals, post everlastingly, Memorial Day events, parade's, holiday events etc. Document all of these events in your CPR. Why? Because this information is important for continuing American Legion programs and the government lobbying.

One of our legion programs is Law and Order. Annually, the Department seeks out and honors one police officer and one fire fighter in the state for outstanding duty, devotion and skill in their community. The awards bring attention to how important the services are to our cities and towns. Take a look at your personal officer's and nominate them for these awards. We have a number of citizens within our cities that are highly qualified for these awards and should be recognized for their outstanding performances and accomplishments. Awards should be awarded to well-rounded individual's who have exceeded the duty requirements expected of his or her position. Those that have demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, coupled with professional achievement.

“American Legion Fast-pitch Softball”

Personally I am so excited to see that fast pitch softball will be offered to high school girls in Minnesota. A new committee has been started up by the American Legion Department of Minnesota Executive Committee: the Fast Pitch Softball Committee under the umbrella of the Minnesota American Legion Foundation. It will be Fund 60. There is a lot to do in developing this program. If there are any posts wishing to donate to Fast Pitch Softball you can use charitable gambling funds and give to “Minnesota American Legion Foundation Fund 60.” Mail it to Minnesota American Legion Fast-pitch Softball, 20 W. 12th St. Room 300A, St. Paul MN 55155. Talk to your high school girls fasts pitch softball coaches and have them talk to their teams to see if the girls are interested. Then get this historical event going.

Keep your members informed on what is going on in the post. Communication is very important. They want to know what's happening in THEIR POST.

Wes Halverson
Area 4 Vice Commander

FROM AREA THREE

Thank you for your service to our great country and The great American Legion organization. The National Commander's tour was great and I hope everyone took the opportunity to get to one of his stops.

Easter time is now also over and I hope everyone took the time to attend the service of your choice.

We are now less than 3 weeks away from the 1st District Convention May 21st to be held in Albert Lea, at post 56.

Pre Register so the post can make accommodations!

We have resolutions, reports, Memorial Service, officer elections, installation of new officers, friendships to share.

The month of May we have Mother's Day on May 8. Which is also V-E Day, 1945.

May 15th is Peace Officers Memorial Day.

May 21, is Armed Forces Day.

May 21st is Convention at Albert Lea

MEMORIAL Day is May 30.

Many things are going on that weekend attend a service to Honor all those that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Veterans get signed up for your benefits, see your Veterans Service officer. You may be missing out on some of your benefits.

Make those Buddy checks. That phone call could save a life and make you feel good. It could turn into a new member.

Pray for peace in the world.

Pray for our deployed troops and their families.

Dale Wellik

Below is District Vice Commander Dale Wellik greeting the National Commander at Dodge Center Post 384



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Commander
Mark A Maloney III



The National Commander standing with Mark Maloney and Richard Skillestad of Eyota Post 551 at Owatonna



Glenn Mueller of Lewiston Post 90 holding their 100% certificate with the National Commander at Dodge Center post 384



A group of Legion and Auxiliary members with the National Commander at Austin Post 91



Members of the Austin Color Guards with the National Commander at Austin Post 91



First District Officers with the National Commander at Owatonna Post 77



Larry Otto from Ellendale Post 296 holding the 100% membership certificate for his post with the National Commander in Austin Post 91

The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2022 Membership Report for April 27, 2022

Dist	Post	Location	New 2022	PUFL 2022	Online 2022	Trad 2022	Paid 2022	HQ Trans 2022	Total Membr 2022	Goal 2022	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2022	Last yr at this dae
1	9	Winona	7	31	0	422	460	2	462	505	91.49%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	5	9	0	59	73	1	74	73	101.37%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	4	19	0	111	134	4	138	135	102.22%	0	0
1		Winona County	16	59	0	592	667	7	674	713	94.53%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	8	47	0	148	203	1	204	219	93.15%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	21	20	0	148	189	1	190	145	131.03%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	1	29	0	115	145	0	145	148	97.97%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	8	0	51	59	0	59	61	96.72%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	2	0	24	26	0	26	28	92.86%	0	0
1	579	Millville	1	20	0	89	110	0	110	151	72.85%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	0	9	0	53	62	0	62	69	89.86%	0	0
1		Wabsha County	31	135	0	628	794	2	796	821	96.95%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	11	93	0	636	740	3	743	808	91.96%	0	0
1	119	Byron	3	18	0	100	121	0	121	130	93.08%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	6	26	0	247	279	4	283	283	100.00%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	2	0	9	11	0	11	16	68.75%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	11	21	0	148	180	0	180	180	100.00%	0	0
1		Olmsted County	31	160	0	1140	1331	7	1338	1417	94.42%	0	0
1		Area One	78	354	0	2360	2792	16	2808	2951	95.15%	0	0
1	295	West Concord	2	8	0	32	42	0	42	49	85.71%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	1	19	0	139	159	0	159	178	89.33%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	9	32	0	195	236	0	236	262	90.08%	0	0
1	384	Dodge Center	2	7	0	66	75	0	75	81	92.59%	0	0
1	422	Claremont	0	3	0	26	29	0	29	31	93.55%	0	0
1		Dodge County	14	69	0	458	541	0	541	601	90.02%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	1	15	0	66	82	0	82	91	90.11%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	9	54	0	338	401	2	403	429	93.94%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	4	0	29	33	0	33	36	91.67%	0	0
1		Steel County	10	73	0	433	516	2	518	556	93.17%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	1	8	0	33	42	0	42	50	84.00%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	4	21	0	246	271	0	271	288	94.10%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	3	7	0	75	85	0	85	88	96.59%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	1	0	0	20	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1		Waseca County	9	36	0	374	419	0	419	449	93.32%	0	0
		Area Two	33	178	0	1265	1476	2	1478	1606	92.03%	0	0

1	40	Lanesboro	2	14	0	89	105	0	105	109	96.33%	0	0
1	68	Spring Valley	1	8	0	57	66	0	66	74	89.19%	0	0
1	81	Harmony	1	1	0	24	26	0	26	31	83.87%	0	0
1	94	Rushford	2	10	0	80	92	0	92	105	87.62%	0	0
1	166	Preston	0	17	0	33	50	0	50	53	94.34%	0	0
1	197	Chatfield	0	2	0	35	37	0	37	40	92.50%	0	0
1	299	Mabel	3	30	0	111	144	0	144	160	90.00%	0	0
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	16	16	0	16	18	88.89%	0	0
1	400	Canton	1	0	0	19	20	0	20	21	95.24%	0	0
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	11	11	0	11	14	78.57%	0	0
1	526	Peterson	2	4	0	32	38	0	38	39	97.44%	0	0
1	544	Ostrander	0	3	0	18	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	11	63.64%	0	0
1		Fillmore County	12	89	0	532	633	0	633	698	90.69%	0	0
1	191	Caledonia	0	17	0	110	127	0	127	139	91.37%	0	0
1	249	Spring Grove	3	12	0	119	134	0	134	149	89.93%	0	0
1	423	Houston	3	7	0	88	98	0	98	102	96.08%	0	0
1	498	Hokah	0	1	0	20	21	0	21	23	91.30%	0	0
1	595	LaCrescent	0	45	0	199	244	0	244	259	94.21%	0	0
1		Houston County	6	82	0	536	624	0	624	672	92.86%	0	0
1		Area Three	18	171	0	1068	1257	0	1257	1370	91.75%	0	0
1	56	Albert Lea	11	36	0	419	466	9	475	522	91.00%	0	0
1	264	Glenville	1	8	0	56	65	0	65	70	92.86%	0	0
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	14	92.86%	0	0
1	317	Emmons	2	3	0	43	48	0	48	48	100.00%	0	0
1	404	Alden	3	4	0	65	72	0	72	98	73.47%	0	0
1	552	Freeborn	0	5	0	24	29	0	29	32	90.63%	0	0
1		Freeborn County	17	57	0	619	693	9	702	784	89.54%	0	0
1	91	Austin	17	52	0	368	437	8	445	474	93.88%	0	0
1	105	Lyle	2	8	0	73	83	1	84	84	100.00%	0	0
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	2	0	33	35	0	35	42	83.33%	0	0
1	146	Adams	6	20	0	145	171	0	171	151	113.25%	0	0
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	0	40	44	1	45	56	80.36%	0	0
1	570	Austin Spam	1	0	0	12	13	0	13	16	81.25%	0	0
1		Mower County	26	86	0	671	783	10	793	823	96.35%	0	0
1		Area Four	43	143	0	1290	1476	19	1495	1607	93.03%	0	0
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1		District Totals	172	846	0	5983	7001	37	7038	7534	93.42%	0	0

DISTRICT VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS

Vice Commanders													
	Area One	78	354	0	2360	2792	16	2808	2951	95.15%	0	0	
	Area Two	33	178	0	1265	1476	2	1478	1606	92.03%	0	0	
	Area Three	18	171	0	1068	1257	0	1257	1370	91.75%	0	0	
	Area Four	43	143	0	1290	1476	19	1495	1607	93.03%	0	0	

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

Dist	Rank												
1	5th	Mike Parry	172	846	0	5983	7001	37	7038	7534	93.42%		
2	4th	Steve Fosness	108	635	0	4695	5438	26	5464	5826	93.79%		
3	8th	Bob Hart	273	1580	0	7970	9,823	83	9,906	10,742	92.22%		
4	6th	Dave Dahl	40	275	0	1447	1762	31	1793	1,921	93.34%		
5	10th	Wade Larson	32	299	0	1297	1628	6	1634	1881	86.87%		
6	1st	Jim Lucas	276	1101	0	8104	9481	157	9,638	10,135	95.10%		
7	2nd	Chip Manson	94	682	0	4368	5144	73	5217	5,509	94.70%		
8	3rd	Larry Pocrnich	87	313	0	2720	3120	52	3172	3380	93.85%		
9	9th	Terry Buas	108	542	0	4607	5257	74	5331	5802	91.88%		
10	7th	Daryl Harmon	222	933	0	6575	7730	60	7790	8376	93.00%		
99			6	221	0	1835	2062	0	2062	3469	59.44%		
Totals			1418	7427	0	49,601	58,446	599	59,045	64,575	91.44%		

Hello All,
Hello Legionnaires,

Membership renewal is important to remain in the forefront of veteran advocacy and service to our fellow veterans and communities. Get engaged in your post. Do buddy checks, hold events and have training sessions. There are many videos available on membership retention, post administration and post revitalization. Check them out on legion.org. We also have a great Department Media & Communications Committee that can do in person or zoom training on just about any American Legion topic. Let's get back to the 4 pillars the the American Legion was founded on.

Membership is everybody's job.

Our next target date is 5-11-2022 at 100%. The district is currently at 93.42%. We have 8 posts that are at 100% or higher. They are Lewiston, Lyle, Lake City, Adams, Stewartville, St. Charles, Emmons and Eyota. Congratulations to those post. Keep beating the bushes for new members. The membership year is not over yet. We need to renew our commitment and efforts to make this year count.

The National Commander's membership pin application can be found at legion.org/commander/pin. Any Legionnaire that signs up 3 or more new members can apply for the pin. This can include anyone that was not a member in 2021, and transfers do not count. It looks like a number of members in the 1st District are eligible to apply.

Please be aware if you have a PUFL that passes away, you need to report it immediately. If it is not reported, your post will receive payment for that member in error.

Election time is coming soon for a lot of posts in the 1st District. The Officer's Report needs to be filled in and sent to Department and one copy needs to be sent to Wayne Hammon, Jr. our adjutant. Do not mark it same as last year, it needs to be filled out. Make sure the legion year is marked 2022-2023. A copy of the form can be found at <https://mnlegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-officer-reporting.pdf>

Please consider attending the 1st District Convention in Albert Lea on May 21st. Registration information can be found in the newsletter. Our attendance has been down. We need more members to attend rallies and the convention. Any member can attend department and district rallies. Come for the comradeship and maybe learn something new.

Finally, please gather on Memorial Day and honor the memory of our fallen warriors who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Thank you, Mary Hanson 1st District Membership Director



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

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From the President's Desk

The First District is sitting at 7th place at 89.87% as of April 26th. Let's keep working and trying to make the 100% for each Unit. I want to say thank you to all the hard work all the Units have been doing.

The District Convention is on May 21st. It will be held in Albert Lea and this is a great opportunity to hear how the district is doing. Also, it is a great opportunity to meet new people from other units and get ideas for how to continue to make the organization a great place to be a part of.

I have been very busy this month with my mother developing a terminal illness. I have been spending a lot of time in the hospital with her and family. With all of this going on in my life I have been taking family first. Please if you can not get a hold of me contact Wanda Prescher or Sandy Frederickson. I have been trying to keep close contact with them.

Please continue to work hard at making this American Legion Family great.

Thank you for all you do and please continue to move forward.

Thank you,

Tonia Bettermann
1st District Auxiliary President



Chuck Stone, Tonia Bettermann and Clint Bettermann standing with the National Commander in Owatonna Pst 77

Call to Convention

The annual First District of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held in Albert Lea, Minnesota on Saturday May 21, 2022. Auxiliary session will be held at the American Legion Post 56 located at, 142 North Broadway Avenue, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Opening session will be called on May 21, 2022 at 8:30 am.

The purpose of the convention is to:

Elect District Officers for the 2022 – 2023 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, 2022**. 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.

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.

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.

PART 2 Trophy and Awards (Certificates) Listing

AMERICANISM:

The *Betty Gartner Memorial Award* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit reporting the best all-around Americanism program each year.

The *Miner/Isenberg First District Americanism Award* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit submitting the most all-around Americanism program. This must be a narrative report of 250 words or less on one project only. This must be attached to the annual report. Pictures or clippings may be attached.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

The *District Child Welfare Gavel Trophy* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit having a membership of from 15 to 75 members judged to have the most outstanding Children and Youth report.

The *Myrna Gunderson Trophy* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit having a membership of from 76 to 200 members, judged to have the most outstanding Children and Youth report.

The *Cindy Nelson Certificate* is awarded at District convention to the Unit of the First District judged to have the most outstanding, well-rounded Children and Youth report

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

The *Evelyn Lyke Community Service Trophy* will be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Community Service project.

The *Berenice Smith Community Service Award* is to be awarded annually at the District Convention based on the size of the unit, to the Unit judged to have the most outstanding piece of work in Community Service. **A narrative report** of 500 words or less on this one project is to be attached to the Unit annual report. Pictures and clippings may be included.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP:

1. The *Mildred Holtz Gavel Bell Trophy* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Education and Scholarship report.

HISTORY:

1. The *Irene Martin History Trophy* will be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit that is judged to have the best all-around typed History report.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES:

The *Bev Jiardina Trophy* is to be awarded at each annual First District Convention to the Unit which best encourages and supports their junior group. A narrative report describing how the Unit encourages and supports their junior group is to be attached to the Unit annual report. Pictures and clippings may be included.

LEADERSHIP:

The *Cheryl Nymann* leadership award will be awarded to the Unit who has the best all-around Leadership Annual Report.

LEGISLATION:

1. The *Bette Berg and Louella Gusa (B & L) Trophy* will be awarded annually at the District Convention to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Legislative program.

MEMBERSHIP:

The *Marie Goede Membership Trophy* is awarded at the District Convention to the Unit attaining the greatest increase in number of members by the previous year; based on the Department Membership Bulletin prior to the district convention.

The *Lynette Hillman Wolff Membership Trophy* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit attaining the greatest percentage of increase in Junior Membership of the previous year, as of Wednesday the week of District Convention.

The *Carol Kruger Membership Trophy* is to be awarded to the first Unit to reach Goal.

MEMORIAL:

1. The *Audrey Erwin Memorial Trophy* is to be awarded at District Convention to the Unit judged to have the single, most outstanding memorial project for the year. Pictures and clippings may be included, but are not required.

MUSIC:

1. The *Lois Deyo Music Trophy* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit who submits the best **narrative report** (not more than 300 words) stating how they used and promoted music within the Unit and community. Report is to be sent to the current First District Music Chairman.

NATIONAL SECURITY:

1. The *National Security Trophy* will be awarded to the Unit who submits the best all-around **narrative report** not to exceed 500 words. Pictures and clippings may be included.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY:

The *Pat Johannsen Trophy* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit who submits the best all-around **narrative report** written by the Chairman of the Past Presidents Parley in 300 words or less. Report to be sent to the current First District Past Presidents Parley Chairman.

POPPY:

The *Lillian Koch Trophy* is to be awarded annually at the District Convention to the Unit with the greatest percentage of increase over their previous year of poppy proceeds. **To be eligible for this trophy, a unit MUST include the dollar amount of poppies from each of the last two years on the Unit annual report.**

The *Marge Schreiber Traveling District Poppy Queen Trophy* is to be presented at the District Convention to the Unit judged to have submitted the most outstanding **narrative entry** for First District Poppy Queen. Entry to be sent to the current First District Poppy Chairman by April 15th.

District awards for Poppy posters shall be \$10.00 for first prize, \$5.00 for second prize, and \$3.00 for third prize in each class. The classes for the Poppy Poster contest are as follows:

Class 1 – Grades 2 and 3	Class II – Grades 4 and 5
Class III – Grades 6 and 7	Class IV – Grades 8 and 9
Class V – Grades 10 and 11	Class VI – Grade 12
Class VII – Students with special needs*	

*Special needs are defined as those students in special education classes or on a waiting list to enter such a class; a student with an identified disability but not in a special education class for reasons other than wait listing.

Poppy Queen at the District Convention. Crown must be returned before the District Convention each year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The *Carol Kruger Traveling Poppy Queen Crown* to be used annually to crown the District

1. The *Anna Schmitz Public Relations Trophy* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Public Relations report.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION:

The *District Rehabilitation Gavel Certificate* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit having membership of 15 to 75 members, judged to have the most outstanding Rehabilitation report. (LOST, now replaced with a certificate)

The *Gladys Johnson Gavel Bell Trophy* is to be awarded at the District Convention to the Unit having a membership of from 75-200 members, judged to have the most outstanding Rehabilitation report.

SERVICE TO VETERANS:

The *Loretta Lechner Service to Veterans Trophy* is awarded each year at District Convention to the unit that has the best overall report concerning Service to Veterans. A narrative should be written along with pictures of your unit accomplish

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Hi all. Soon (I hope) Spring will be here as well as our District Convention. Sure hope I get a chance to meet some of you at the convention in Albert Lea.

District One is still holding in 7th place at 89.87%. We have 5 Units that are OVER 100%-- great work. We also have 3 Units at 50% or below. That means 40 of our 48 Units are SO VERY CLOSE!!! The next National goal is 95% by May 27th and we are currently sitting at 92.33% (26,347) that is ONLY 762 members to go in 22 business days or 35 members per day. With everyone's help, WE CAN DO IT!! Thank you all for everything that you do.

Here are some State Department numbers to-date:

84 Units @ 100% or higher

46 Units that need 1 more paid member to make goal

38 Units that need 2 more paid members to make goal

568 Deceased members entered

765 NEW Members added!

I also would like to mention that if you follow the American Legion Auxiliary on Facebook, you may have seen our State Membership Chair, Linda Kelly's latest challenge. She is challenging the Department of MN to get to 100% by July 1, 2022. If we are successful, she will come to the Thursday meeting at our Department Convention in Willmar with red, white, and blue hair. She already has the white and has red and blue in a can. I'm sure hoping we get to see Linda in her Red/White/Blue attire!

Linda also reported that we have 84 units at 100% or higher and we have exactly another 84 that only need one or two more to hit 100%, Let's see if we can do our share by checking with each of our Units to see how they are coming. I encourage all of you to keep working to help the Department get to 100%. Please make calls and volunteer to help them. Thanks a lot for all your help.

Thank you all for what you do for the Veterans of our great State of MN & our country.

Kathy Fredrickson
1st District Membership Chair



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Together. We Can Do It!

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	5/5/2021 Membership Last Year	Difference from Last Year
One	48	3,802	39	3,417	89.87%	3697	280
Two	72	3,745	8	3,469	92.63%	3628	159
Three	46	3,671	38	3,516	95.78%	3550	34
Four	7	563	7	489	86.86%	531	42
Five	7	509	8	443	87.03%	487	44
Six	62	4,855	28	4,602	94.79%	4695	93
Seven	60	2,970	22	2,763	93.03%	2877	114
Eight	25	1,214	12	1,091	89.87%	1176	85
Nine	49	3,239	15	2,974	91.82%	3124	150
Ten	44	3,765	35	3,397	90.23%	3655	258
1982 Dept	1	203	1	186	91.63%	203	17
District Totals:	421	28,536	213	26,347	92.33%	27623	1,276
Group 1 (Even)	210	14,142	90	13,048	92.26%	13,685	637
<i>Sharon Thiemecke</i>							
Group 2 (Odd)	210	14,191	122	13,113	92.40%	13,735	622
<i>Mary Kuperus</i>							



RANKINGS

1st 95.78% District #3	2nd 94.79% District #6	3rd 93.03% District #7	4th 92.63% District #2	5th 91.82% District #9	6th 90.23% District #10	7th 89.87% District #1	8th 89.87% District #8	9th 87.03% District #5	10th 86.86% District #4

**1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership
As of April 26, 2022**

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
9	Winona	119	113		113	94.96%	6
90	Lewiston	36	32		32	88.89%	4
190	St Charles	46	3		3	6.52%	43
50	Wabasha	104	97		97	93.27%	7
110	Lake City	70	47		47	67.14%	23
179	Plainview	127	108		108	85.04%	19
546	Kellogg	100	99		99	99.00%	1
573	Elgin	14	7		7	50.00%	7
579	Millville	45	42		42	93.33%	3
588	Mazeppa	37	33		33	89.19%	4
92	Rochester	130	110		110	84.62%	20
119	Byron	23	17		17	73.91%	6
164	Stewartville	164	159		159	96.95%	5
551	Eyota	95	100		100	105.26%	-5
Pod One Total		1110	967		967	87.12%	143

Pod Two Totals		899	832		832	92.55%	67
40	Lanesboro	84	69		69	82.14%	15
68	Spring Valley	40	43		43	107.50%	-3
81	Harmony	53	47		47	88.68%	6
94	Rushford	39	29		29	74.36%	10
197	Chatfield	26	21		21	80.77%	5
299	Mabel	120	110		110	91.67%	10
369	Wykoff	17	17		17	100.00%	0
526	Peterson	45	41		41	91.11%	4
544	Ostrander	13	10		10	76.92%	3
637	Whalan	18	16		16	88.89%	2
191	Caledonia	71	63		63	88.73%	8
249	Spring Grove	94	84		84	89.36%	10
423	Houston	117	111		111	94.87%	6
498	Hokah	18	15		15	83.33%	3
595	La Crescent	160	154		154	96.25%	6
Pod Three Totals		915	830		830	90.71%	85
56	Albert Lea	266	232		232	87.22%	34
264	Glenville	96	92		92	95.83%	4
404	Alden	42	33		33	78.57%	9
552	Freeborn	58	55		55	94.83%	3
91	Austin	122	103		103	84.43%	19
105	Lyle	53	48		48	90.57%	5
140	Grand Meadow	62	63		63	101.61%	-1
146	Adams	130	119		119	91.54%	11
161	Leroy	49	43		43	87.76%	6
Pod Four Totals		878	788		788	89.75%	90
Total		3802	3417		3417	89.87%	385



Chuck Kruger with the National Commander at Austin Post 91



Adams post 146 members holding their 100% membership certificate with the National Commander at Austin Post 91

SOME INFORMATION ON BELIEVET SERVICE DOGS

OUR PROGRAM

The Need

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs conducted a broad survey of recent veterans to gain better insight on their overall health. In raw numbers, it is estimated that a sobering 500,000 troops from the Gulf Wars alone have been diagnosed with PTSD, according to Miriam Reisman (“PTSD Treatment for Veterans: What’s Working, What’s New, and What’s Next,” U.S. National Library of Medicine, 2016).

PTSD can be described as a mental health condition that may result from experiencing or witnessing trauma. Symptoms include flashbacks, nightmares, severe anxiety, depression, and confusion. This condition—often accompanied by major depression and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI)—can make it difficult, if not impossible, to meet the normal demands of daily life. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 20 deployed veterans die by suicide every day in the United States (Office of Suicide Prevention, “Suicide Among Veterans and Other Americans, 2001–2014,” 2016).

Our Response

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

There is a growing body of research and clinical evidence supporting the value of service dogs. Despite this, neither the Veterans Health Administration nor most private insurers pay for or provide reimbursement for psychiatric service dogs for people diagnosed with PTSD.

Believet™ provides highly trained service dogs, free of charge, to disabled veterans, helping them to lead more productive, independent lives. A service dog provides a sense of security, greater independence, non-judgmental acceptance, affection, physical assistance, and peace of mind.

Our Dogs

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

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

Our Facility

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

For more information check out their website at: believet.org

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FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S DESK

Greeting First District American Legion Family,

May is upon us and that means convention time. This is a time for the First District to come together to share ideas, elect leadership team for the next year and set our goals for the new year. This year the convention will be held at Albert Lea post 56. As times change so must the way we do business. There will be a slightly new twist to the convention this year. Come give it a try. Bring a fellow member. Although the business portion for the Sons will take place on May 7th, we are also invited back on May 21 for the informal meet and greet of the newly elected officers of the First District Family.

The American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard from the Department of Texas visited our district the past month. He delivered a message on taking care for our veterans. It was very fitting as that's what the Sons are all about, taking care of our veterans and their families. With that said, squadrons if you have funds that you are unsure of what to do with here are a couple suggestions. The community of Preston in getting a new veteran's home. I have teamed with Tonia Bettermann, First District Auxiliary President to sponsor a bronze plaque depicting the branches of service for the home. Additionally, Detachment Commander Tim Weaver's project is child welfare. Please talk it over with your squadrons. No donation is too small.

Hope to see you in Albert Lea on the 7th and 21st.
Chuck



SGT AT ARMS

Austin Schram
LaCrescent, MN



Above—Tim Weaver, National Commander and Gary Weaver

Below The National Commander with a SAL member from Hopkins at Owatonna



2022 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, Chuck Stone, First District SAL Commander, do here by call a Convention of the First District Sons of the American Legion to convene at Albert Lea American Legion Post 56 located at 142 North Broadway, Albert Lea, MN on Saturday May 7, 2022, 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.

Chuck Stone
1st District SAL Commander

SAL Delegate certification to the First District SAL Convention in Albert Lea, MN on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Squadron _____ MN

Delegates

Alternates

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Signed _____

Adjutant Squadron # _____



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FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Most of us have taken our motorcycles out of hibernation and have begun to make plans for the upcoming riding season. Please keep an eye out for us as we hit the roads riding and raising money to support Veterans!

First District ALR Conference is Saturday, May 7 – 1300 at the Albert Lea Post. SAL begins at 10am the same day. Pre-Registration fee is \$10 or \$12 at the door. Form should be mailed in by April 30th. It is a one-time fee and will cover attendance at the Legion & Auxiliary convention on May 21st.

Election of Officers will be conducted at the Conference. Candidates may be nominated from the floor prior to voting.

Plans are in place for the Tour of the First District on Saturday, July 30. We are excited to bring this fun event back. We will be starting at the Stewartville Legion, stops at Legions throughout the day and ending at the Austin Legion. We will be accepting monetary donations for the Preston VA Home & Global War on Terrorism Memorial at Soldier's Field in Rochester. We will also be collecting new toys for Toys for Tots.

Upcoming Events

April 30th – Austin ALR – Steak Fry for Bob Kvam Scholarship Fund

June 18th – Eyota ALR – PTSD Ride

July 9th – Austin ALR – Prevent 22 Ride

July 30th – Tour of the 1st District Ride

2022 First District American Legion Rider Convention Call

To all American Legion Rider Chapters of the First District:

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

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

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

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

First District ALR Director

Roe Naylor

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Events hosted by ALR Chapters of the 1st District

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

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

Eyota –Spaghetti Dinner Mar 19 & PTSD Ride July 9

Winona –September ride being planned

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

Nominations for Vice Director: Chuck Stone

Nominations for Secretary: Karla Miller

Nominations for Chaplain: Jeff "Scuffy" Paulson

Nominations for Historian: open

Nominations for Treasurer: Mark Maloney

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



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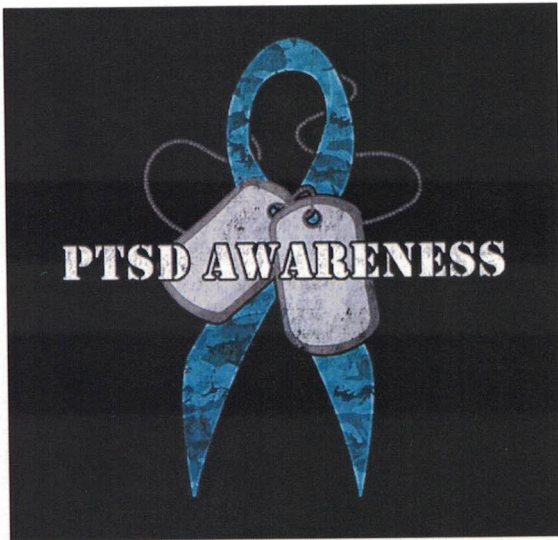
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