

FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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IMPORTANT DATES

August 5, 2017—The Department membership team meeting and Department Executive Board meeting at 9 and 11 am respectfully in Elk River Post 112.

August 18—24, 2017—The American Legion National Convention in Reno, NV.

September 7—9 2017—Department Camporee at Legionville.

September 9, 2017—Department Harvest Rally at Legionville. Turn in 3 to 4 pm, program at 4:30 and the meal TBA.

September 23, 2017—First District Area Three Rally at Preston Post 166. At 2pm we will be going to State Cemetery for a tour of the facilities. Everyone please try and attend this rally so we can have a good turn out at the cemetery. At 4 pm we will return to the post for our rally.

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The First District Leadership team for 2017—2018

FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S DESK

Greetings First District: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the 1st District as your Commander for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. I pledge to give a 100% effort to make us number one in Department and to be open to all ideas and thoughts from all members of the District.

My motto this year is "Together as One". It is a twofold motto. First I don't care what service club you belong to, we are all veterans and must work together as one. Second, we are the American Legion Family, and all united as one.

My project this year is the purchase of a six passenger golf cart for the Preston Veterans Cemetery. It will be used to transport families around the cemetery.

By the time this article is published, we will have had the District Changeover and membership packet distribution, which was held at Stewartville Post#164, June 26th.

Our District Legacy Ride was held July 8th & 9th. We had about 35 motorcycles and about 60 participants Saturday. We began in Albert Lea then to Glenville, Alden, Blooming Prairie and West Concord where we had lunch, then onto Mazeppa, Kasson and Rochester. It was a long but fun day. I was unable to go on the run on Sunday. The ride continued on to Stewartville, Adams, Austin and ended in Hayfield.

Our Department Convention was held in Mahanomen July 13th thru the 15th. Mike Schaffer was elected Department Commander. He appointed Larry Ryan, Membership Director. The First Districts Ralph Schneekloth was elected Chaplain and Glenn Mueller was elected Historian.

District Sgt. at Arms Jerry Nelson put together a make shift Color Guard for the Department Parade, because his crew had to attend a funeral at home. To our surprise, we won the Second Place Color Guard Trophy and \$750 dollars for being the Top Overall Unit. The attendance again this year was disappointing. There are 555 American Legion posts in Minnesota, there were only 143 posts registered and 273 persons registered. The First District had 20 Out of 57 posts registered and 27 members registered.

Mike Perry gave a report on Legion Baseball. He stated there were 351 Legion teams in Minnesota. He said that equals about 10% of the total nationwide teams.

Our District Picnic was held at Todd Park in Austin, Sunday, July 23rd. Once again Jim Kellogg did the honors of deep frying the turkey and ham. He always does a great job. We had a great crowd and a ton of food.

The first Department Executive Board meeting and Membership Training of the year will be held at the Elk River Post# 112 on Saturday August 5th. Membership training will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Executive Board meeting will begin at 11:00a.m. Hope to see a good crowd.

Delegates to the National Convention in Reno will be departing and picking up their registration by Saturday August 19th.

The 1st District is off the Goose Egg. Thanks to everyone for a job well done.

In your service
Commander Les Shaunce

First district membership report for 7/19/20

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	597	0	9	9	1.51%	588	7/27/2017
90	LEWISTON	78	0	1	1	1.28%	77	7/19/2017
190	ST CHARLES	144	14	50	64	44.44%	80	7/23/2017
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		819	14	60	74	9.04%	745	7/27/2017
50	WABASHA	242	0	42	42	0.00%	200	7/19/2017
110	LAKE CITY	141	3	37	40	28.37%	101	7/26/2017
179	PLAINVIEW	194	6	55	61	31.44%	133	7/26/2017
546	KELLOGG	73	1	17	18	24.66%	55	7/26/2017
573	ELGIN	37	0	1	1	2.70%	36	7/19/2017
579	MILLVILLE	140	2	27	29	20.71%	111	7/26/2017
588	MAZEPPA	78	2	20	22	28.21%	56	7/19/2017
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		905	14	57	213	23.54%	692	7/26/2017
92	ROCHESTER	988	86	56	142	14.37%	846	7/27/2017
119	BYRON	148	0	3	3	2.03%	145	7/19/2017
164	STEWARTVILLE	305	7	88	95	31.15%	210	7/26/2017
446	ROCHESTER	17	0	1	1	5.88%	16	7/19/2017
551	EYOTA	183	0	8	8	4.37%	175	7/19/2017
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1641	93	156	249	15.17%	1392	7/26/2017
AREA ONE TOTALS		3365	121	273	536	15.93%	2829	7/27/2017
295	WEST CONCORD	57	0	2	2	3.51%	55	7/19/2017
330	HAYFIELD	242	0	3	3	1.24%	239	7/19/2017
333	KASSON	269	52	36	88	32.71%	181	7/26/2017
384	DODGE CENTER	87	0	1	1	1.15%	86	7/19/2017
422	CLAREMONT	36	2	14	16	44.44%	20	7/26/2017
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		691	54	56	110	15.92%	581	7/27/2017
52	BLOOMING PRAI-	111	0	1	1	0.90%	110	7/19/2017
77	OWATONNA	556	0	7	7	1.26%	549	7/19/2017
296	ELLENDALE	33	1	1	2	6.06%	31	7/26/2017
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		700	1	9	10	1.43%	690	7/26/2017
75	NEW RICHLAND	58	0	0	18	31.03%	40	7/26/2017
228	WASECA	342	0	10	10	2.92%	332	7/19/2017
281	JANESVILLE	102	18	17	35	34.31%	67	7/26/2017
587	WALDORF	22	0	2	2	9.09%	20	7/19/2017
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		524	18	29	65	12.40%	459	7/26/2017
AREA TWO TOTALS		1915	73	94	185	9.66%	1730	7/26/2017
40	LANESBORO	106	0	9	9	8.49%	97	7/19/2017
68	SPRING VALLEY	85	0	1	1	1.18%	84	7/19/2017
81	HARMONY	34	0	1	1	2.94%	33	7/19/2017
94	RUSHFORD	134	0	2	2	1.49%	132	7/19/2017
166	PRESTON	76	0	18	18	23.68%	58	7/26/2017
197	CHATFIELD	50	0	1	1	2.00%	49	7/19/2017
299	MABEL	179	0	3	3	1.68%	176	7/19/2017
369	WYKOFF	19	0	1	1	5.26%	18	7/19/2017
400	CANTON	13	0	1	1	7.69%	12	7/19/2017
492	FOUNTAIN	15	0	1	1	6.67%	14	7/19/2017

526	PETERSON	37	1	10	11	29.73%	26	7/26/2017
544	OSTRANDER	29	0	1	1	3.45%	28	7/19/2017
637	WHALEN	15	0	1	1	6.67%	14	7/19/2017
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS		792	1	50	51	6.44%	741	7/19/2017
191	CALEDONIA	170	3	22	25	14.71%	145	7/27/2017
249	SPRING GROVE	162	1	14	15	9.26%	147	7/27/2017
423	HOUSTON	113	0	21	21	18.58%	92	7/19/2017
498	HOKAH	20	0	2	2	10.00%	18	7/19/2017
595	LA CRESCENT	324	0	7	7	2.16%	317	7/19/2017
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS		789	4	66	70	8.87%	719	7/19/2017
AREA THREE TOTALS		1581	5	116	121	7.65%	1460	7/26/2017
56	ALBERT LEA	678	152	63	215	31.71%	463	7/23/2017
264	GLENVILLE	87	0	3	3	3.45%	84	7/19/2017
266	HARTLAND	15	0	1	1	6.67%	14	7/19/2017
317	EMMONS	72	0	13	13	18.06%	59	7/19/2017
404	ALDEN	109	2	27	29	26.61%	80	7/23/2017
552	FREEBORN	38	7	5	12	31.58%	26	7/27/2017
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS		999	161	112	273	27.33%	726	7/23/2017
91	AUSTIN	610	0	83	83	13.61%	527	7/19/2017
105	LYLE	92	0	1	1	1.09%	91	7/19/2017
140	GRAND MEADOW	50	0	1	1	2.00%	49	7/19/2017
146	ADAMS	219	0	6	6	2.74%	213	7/19/2017
161	LEROY	66	0	7	7	10.61%	59	7/19/2017
570	AUSTIN SPAM	5	0	5	5	100.00%	0	7/19/2017
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		1042	0	103	103	9.88%	939	7/19/2017
AREA FOUR TOTALS		2041	161	281	281	13.77%	1760	7/27/2017
1111	DAKOTA	51	0	0	0	0.00%	0	7/26/2017
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		8953	360	764	1124	12.55%	7829	7/27/2017

AREA VICE COMMANDERS								
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

I know it's early but never too early to get started. We are off The Goose Egg, and want to thank all who helped get us moving. Now let's get going on the Kaiersatt Derby award so our Commander can get another award.

50 % goal is September 13, 2017 this year, now is the time to really get going. I know we are just getting started but everyone is nice and fresh and ready to get going again.(ha ha) But kidding aside let's get 1st Dist. back on top.

Don't wait till you have lots to turn in, get them in the mail each week everyone counts. GOOD LUCK to all and let's make it a good year for Commander Les.

First District Membership Director - Gary Miller

FROM AREA ONE

Greetings comrades; my name is Scott Ihrke and I am the Area One Vice Commander for the 2017-2018 year. I will greatly appreciate your support as I embark on this duty.

I plan on doing the best that I can and hope to visit all the posts in Area One this year.

My contact information is on the first page of this newsletter, if I do not answer my phone leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I can.

Remember to keep our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless the USA.

Scott Ihrke - Area One Vice Commander.

FROM AREA TWO

July was a very busy month what with the Independence Day Holiday as well as the Department Convention. The convention was held at the Shooting Star Casino at Mahnomon, MN, where Mike Schaffer was elected Department Commander.

Langemo Post 295 was also fortunate enough to provide lunch for the Legion Riders on Saturday July 8th. A great lunch was provided with a free will offering. All proceeds, a total of nearly \$700.00, were then donated back to the Riders.

On Sunday July 23rd, the annual 1st District picnic, was held in Austin, MN. There was a good attendance.

Reminder: that all Area 2 posts, need to turn in their Post Directories to the District Adjutant as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to the 99th National Convention that will be held in Reno, Nevada. This event takes place in August.

God Bless to all our Servicemen and women as well as their families. Please keep them in your prayers.

Area 2 Vice Commander,

Myron

FROM AREA THREE

Greetings from Area Three:

I want to take this time to congratulate all the new and past officers for taking the time to make our organization successful. I want to encourage you to get your membership in as soon as possible to avoid having to play catch up. Last year we had good results on our membership drive and I want to thank the Commanders, Membership Directors and all Legion members for making it a successful year.

I want to wish all members who are attending the National Convention a memorable time and to return safely.

As always, keep our men in women in uniform in your thoughts and prayers.

Area Three Vice Commander

Carroll Hill

FROM AREA FOUR

Hello Area Four; 2017 is starting out on a good note as we already off the goose egg and officer's lists have been turned into Department. This is my second time around as a District Vice Commander and I'm hoping to visit each post a couple of times this year.

I will be introducing Mary Hanson, our new Mower County Commander to Lyle, Grand Meadow, LeRoy Adams and Austin American Legion Posts. Mary Hanson is also the Commander of Austin Spam Post 570.

I have lots of new membership options to share with you and will appreciate all the help that I can get from our Area.

Remember to thank a veteran every day. THANK YOU VETERANS

In comradeship, Rollie Hanson

FIRST DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT EVENTS

2017 - 2018

(Department events in Red Italic bold print)

July 12 – 15, 2017 Department Convention in Mahnomon, MN.

July 23, 2017 – The First District Family picnic in Todd park in Austin, MN at 12:30pm.

August 5, 2017 – Department membership team meeting at 9:00am, Department Executive Board meeting at 11:00am at Elk River Post 112.

August 18 – 24, 2017 – The American Legion National Convention in Reno, NV.

September 7-9, 2017 – Department Camporee at Legionville.

September 9, 2017 – Department Harvest Rally at Legionville, membership turn in from 3 to 4pm, program at 4:30 pm with the meal TBA.

September 23, 2017 – Area Three Veteran Affairs and Rehab rally, Preston Post 166 at 2pm for fun time (tour of the State Cemetery) and the rally at 4:00pm.

October 7, 2017 First District Fall Rally at Plainview Post 179, Executive Boards at 9:00 am and rally at 10:00 am.

October 27-28, 2017 – The Department Fall Conference at Wilmar, MN times TBA.

November 18, 2017 – Area One Veteran Affairs and Rehab Rally at St Charles Post 190, 2:00 pm fun time and 4:00 pm Rally

December 2, 2017 – The Department Pearl Harbor Rally at West Duluth Post 71 membership turn in from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Dinner at 5:00 pm with program to follow.

December 17, 2017 - First District Christmas Party at the Hayfield Post 330, 1:00 pm.

January 6, 2018 – First District Mid-Winter at Albert Lea Post 56, Executive Boards at 9:00 am, sessions at 10:00 am.

FIRST DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT EVENTS

2017 - 2018

(Department events in italic red print)

January 6, 2018 – The First District Oratorical Contest at 1:00 pm in Albert Lea Post 56.

February 3, 2018 – The Department Sweetheart Rally at North St Paul Post 39, membership turn in from 1:00 to 2:00 pm with the program at 2:30 pm.

February 4, 2018 – The First District Four Chaplains Service at Stewartville Post 164. (tentative)

February 24, 2018 – Area Four Veteran Affairs and Rehab Rally at Alden Post 404, 2 pm fun time with the rally at 4:00 pm.

March 10, 2018 – The Department Family Appreciation Rally at Owatonna Post 77, executive board meeting (TBA), membership turn in from 3:00 to 4:30 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm with the program to follow.

March 24, 2018 – Area Two Veteran Affairs and Rehab Rally at Kasson Post 333, fun time from 2:00 to 3:00 pm and the rally at 4:00 pm.

April 2018 ????? - The Department Spring Rally.

April 14, 2018 – (Tentative) First District President's Testimonial at Plainview Post 179.

April 28, 2018 – (Tentative) First District Commander's Testimonial at Albert Lea Post 56.

May 18 – 19, 2018 – The First District Convention at Winona Post 9

July 19 – 21, 2018 – The Department Convention in Rochester, MN.

(Some of these events may be subject to change, we will keep you updated of any changes or additions as the come about.)

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This is the only time that the Legion and Auxiliary Officer and Committee Chairman's will be printed in the District Newsletter so print off a copy of each and keep them for future references.

Wayne Hammon Jr - First District Adjutant

ATTENTION WOMEN VETERANS, SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALL WOMEN AMERICAN LEGION SPAM POST 570 IN AUSTIN, MN

American Legion SPAM® Post 570 is looking for new members, and we want you, women veterans!

The all-women SPAM® Post 570 was originally founded in 1946 by Jay C. Hormel, with 20 local women veterans. Eight of these women worked at the Hormel plant. As the post grew, it included veterans from all branches of the military. Jay had also initiated a program prior to the close of World War II as an effort to help find jobs for returning soldiers, augmenting his company's sales staff with women veterans. These women became known as the "Hormel Girls". Those Hormel Girls with both military background and musical talents were required to join SPAM® Post 570, with the intention of having the post form a marching band to compete in the August 1947 National American Legion Convention in New York City. Jay handed this near-impossible task to Dale Schamber, SPAM® Luncheon Meat product manager, who managed to find 74 eligible candidates willing to embark on an arduous five-week training session of marching and practicing for the event. The team was the first all-women American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps to enter this prestigious competition, and was a big hit at the convention even though it did not win. Photos of Austin's "All GI Girls SPAM Post 570" showed how welcome they were to the crowds and other parade participants.

Not all SPAM® Post 570 members were chosen to join the Hormel Girls and promote Hormel products across the country. The SPAM® Post members in Austin focused on American Legion's mission, and were "devoted to mutual helpfulness . . . committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans". Post activities included participation in Veteran's Day events, work in child welfare, baskets for the needy, and visits to local hospitals. They held meetings where girls could speak with recruiting officers, and provided educational programs for expecting mothers. Members also volunteered as part of "Operation Skywatch", manning a ground observation post to monitor aircraft and weather.

Although the Hormel Girls sales teams and SPAM® Post 570 shared some of their history for several years, the Hormel Girls eventually disbanded in 1953. On the other hand, SPAM® Post 570 remains an "active" post on the American Legion books, and now, in 2017, a new generation of women veterans would like to re-energize this historic post, and invites any interested parties to join up – musical ability is no longer required! Female members of other American Legion posts are also welcome to transfer their memberships to SPAM® Post 570.

The SPAM® Museum is proud to be a sponsor of SPAM® Post 570.

For more information or to join our post, contact Eileen Chao, Adjutant, SPAM® Post 570, at 507-437-4583 or echao8@charter.net.



LAKE CITY POST 110 AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS BEING INSTALLED.

From L-R, outgoing Post Commander Emery Fick is standing next to incoming Post Commander Dan Smith with Past American Legion National Commander Dan Ludwig with the passing of the meeting gavel. Post Adjutant Andru Peters is standing to the right of the group observing the gavel exchange.



Swearing in officers of the Louis McCahill Post #110 for year 2017-2018 officers. Standing left is American Legion Past National Commander Dan Ludwig who is administering the oath of office to the newly elected Post #110 board, from L-R: Sgt of arms Mel Blattner, 1st Vice Commander Gene Schumann, outgoing Commander Emery Fick, incoming commander Dan Smith and at right is Adjutant Andru Peters assisting Commander Ludwig in the installation of officers.

PITCURES OF THE First District Picnic at Todd Park in Austin, MN. A big Thank You to Jim Kellogg and Rich Gosse For cooking the meat and sweet corn. Another thank you to everyone who attended. Lots of fun, food and comradeship. A Great Legion Family event.



FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Left and below - A special thanks to Lynette Wolff for pinning on my District President's pin for me at the Department Convention. A very special memory for me. Thank you Lynette for being so thoughtful.



To the left - Taking the oath of my office of First District President at the Department Convention.

I always get right to the point, so here it is....let's all have an awesome and exciting year in our District 1 American Legion Auxiliary Family! I am humbled to be surrounded by an extremely talented and ambitious Executive Board, as well as the Committee Chair members alongside our Legion Family Leadership members (see photo below).



District 1 American Legion Family 2018 Leadership team.

Although I was late, it was amazing to see so many members of the American Legion family attending the District 1 Annual Picnic in Austin. The food looked delicious, and the rally itself endearing. Thank you to those who worked so hard to pull this event together.

I would like to first put out there, that if any Units would like me to visit a meeting or special event within the District, please let me know so I can get it on my calendar. I am more than willing to come and visit or speak. My contact information is listed in the newsletter here. The phone number is my cell (we don't have a land line), so call, email, or shoot me a text message. Just letting you know, that Wednesday nights are usually a church night, but if I know far enough in advance, I may be able to wiggle some things around. Also, I'm always open to new ideas, so if you have something you want to share, feel free to contact me.

The first big event for me is the District Executive Board Meeting on August 5th at Stewartville at 4pm. Two of the most important things we will be looking at are the Standing Rules, and Setting the Annual Budget for the District. The following weekend is the Department Executive Board Meeting in Willmar. Then, it will be off to the National Auxiliary Convention in Reno, NV. I have been looking forward to this for months, and am hoping to be bring back some new and exciting information to you.

This Auxiliary year, our Department President is Donna Arends. President Donna's theme this year is 'Lighting Vetearn's Paths', her project is Veterans homes along with those little LED flashlights; and her symbol is a lighthouse. I will announce in our September Newsletter what my project theme, project and symbol will be after it is approved by the Department Executive Board.

1st District VP Michelle Weaver is also the Membership Chair, and I encourage you to make sure you read her write up in this newsletter. She has some exciting ideas for Membership. Remember, membership isn't just about your Unit Membership Chairman, it's all of our responsibility – especially promoting the auxiliary and encouraging members to join this great organization which provides such wonderful support of programs for our veterans!!!

If you are feeling like you need some help in your Units with any of the committees, or need ideas to implement new programs, that is what your District Leadership team is here for!! There are District Chairman's for each of the programs, and all you need to do is reach out to them for assistance. Let's help and encourage one another throughout our District. Communication is key to being successful, so just ask! In this month's Newsletter you will find the list of District Chairs, so please contact them or someone on the executive board if you have any questions.

Standing Rules will be looked at during the executive board, and once approved will be published. In the meantime, be thinking and acting on what each committee is doing. Have your Unit chair send or call updates to the district chairman, so they can keep up on their own annual reports that they have to do. ATTENTION ALL: I encourage you to look at the current standing rules, as well as the district chairs you can take a look at the awards which you are responsible for selecting Units to receive. (Just a helpful reminder of what you need to be looking for throughout the year).

AMERICANISM:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and

by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by District Standing Rules.

The *Miner/Isenberg First District Americanism Award* is to be awarded to the Unit reporting the best 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.

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY

FUND: Is responsible for having a Silent/Live Auction at Mid-Winter Conference. Needs to ask for approval to where Auction funds will go at the first meeting of the District Executive Committee meeting. At District Convention be prepared to present certificates as designated by District Standing Rules.

CHILDREN & YOUTH: Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by District Standing Rules.

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

The *Sylvia Bremer Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit having a membership of 76-200 and judged to have the most outstanding Children and Youth report.

The *Cindy Nelson Award* is to be awarded to the Unit judged to have the most outstanding, well-rounded Children and Youth report,

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated in the District Standing Rules.

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, 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 Unit annual report. Pictures and clippings may be included.

EDUCATION: Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by District Standing Rules.

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

FIELD SERVICE: Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

The *Bonnie Burns Field Service Trophy* is awarded to Unit with best all-around Field Service report.

FINANCE Shall consist of a rotating committee of 3 members. A 3-year member, a 2-year member and a 1-year member, with the 1-year member being the chairman and new member being the 3-year member. The committee shall be responsible for preparing the budget for each administrative year and for auditing the treasurer's books at the end of the business year. The new member (3 year member) is appointed by the incoming District President.

GIRLS STATE: Shall be responsible to seek bids from bus companies to transport First District Girls Staters to the Girls State session, using the lowest bid. Bus to be a coach bus. Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due

HISTORY:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. Two copies of the District History will be given to the District President, one for her personal file and one for the District permanent file. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

The *Irene Martin History Trophy* will be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around typed History report.

HOME SERVICE:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated in the District Standing Rules.

The *Loretta Loechner Trophy* is to be awarded for the best all-around Home Service report based on size of Unit.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES:

The District Junior Activities Chairman shall appoint three (3) Senior Members to review and update Junior Standing Rules each year before the conference, one member being the District Parliamentarian, who will act as Chairman. Shall meet with District President and District Junior President to arrange District Junior Conference. Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

The *Bev Jiardina Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit which best encourages and supports their junior group. Special emphasis may be on patriotism, service to our veterans and their families, education or encouraging junior members to continue their association after they reach 18. A **narrative report** describing how the Unit encourages and supports their junior group is to be sent by April 15 to the current First District Junior Activities Chairman for judging.

LEADERSHIP:

Is responsible to have a Leadership School/School of Instruction (at a location of her choice) for all officers and members to be held in September or October of each administrative year. At District Convention be prepared to present certificates as designated by District Standing Rules

LEGISLATION:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

The *Betty Berg and Louella Gusa (B & L) Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Legislative program.

MEMBERSHIP:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also in the District Standing Rules.

The *Marie Goede Membership Trophy* is awarded to the Unit attaining the greatest increase on number of members by the first Department Membership Bulletin in May in each administrative year.

The *Glenda Osmundson Gavel Bell Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit with the largest percentage of increase in membership during the year.

The *Lynette Hillman Wolff Membership Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit attaining the highest 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 Unit with the greatest number of members over all time high as of 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, the week of District Convention.

MEMORIAL:

Shall coordinate District Memorial Service with District Chaplains of the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion. Shall prepare a list of deceased District Auxiliary members for District Auxiliary Memorial Service. Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by District Standing Rules.

The *Jenny Miller Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Memorial report.

MUSIC

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates and as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

The *Lois Deyo Music Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit who submits the best **narrative report**, 300 words or less, stating how they used and promoted music within the Unit and community. Report is to be sent to current First District Music Chairman.

NATIONAL SECURITY:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

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

NOMINATING:

Shall consist of a rotating committee of 3 members; two of which should be past District Presidents. A 3-year member, a 2-year member and a 1-year member; With the 1-year member being the chairman and the new member being the 3-year member. The new member (3 year member) is appointed by the incoming District President. It will be the responsibility of this committee to find qualified candidates for office for the coming year should there be no endorsed candidates. This committee MUST receive the endorsements for district offices.

PAST PRESIDENT**PARLEY:**

Shall be the District's Immediate Past President. She is responsible for notification to Past District Presidents in the death or illness of a Past District President. She is responsible for arrangements and invitations to the Past District President's Parley Luncheon, and working with the Legion in arranging the Past District President's/Secretaries Dinner at District Convention.

The *Pat Johannsen Trophy* is awarded 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 current First District Past Presidents Parley Chairman

POPPY:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

The *Lillian Koch Trophy* is to be awarded annually 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 to the Unit judged to have submitted the most outstanding **narrative report** 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 \$5.00 – first prize; \$3.00 – second prize; \$2.00 – third prize in each class. The classes or the Poppy Poster contest are as follows:

- Class I – 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 is 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.

4. The *Carol Kruger Traveling Poppy Queen Crown* to be used annually to crown the District Poppy Queen at District Convention. Crown must be returned before District Convention each year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND
REHABILITATION

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

The *District Rehabilitation Gavel Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit having membership of 15 to 75 and judged to have the most outstanding Rehabilitation report.

The *Gladys Johnson Gavel Bell Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit having membership of 75-200 and judged to have the most outstanding Rehabilitation report.

The *Maureen Patterson Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit having membership of 201 or more and judged to have the most outstanding, well-rounded Rehabilitation report (any work done in any hospital performed by the committee representing the Department or District and with their funds, shall not be included for credit in judging for this award), in any administrative year. The trophy shall be returned to the District each year at Convention to be used as the official District Convention gavel bell.

As we work our Auxiliary programs in our Units, I encourage you to ask yourself, how is this helping and promoting our veterans? Let's keep our focus on our veterans always!! Now as I close this months auxiliary portion of our district 1 Legion Auxiliary Newsletter, I would like to share a poem by Karen O'Leary.... I pray that all your travels in August be blessed. God Bless our Veterans, and God Bless America.

Our Nation's Heroes

Bless our nation's veterans,
 Protectors of this land.
 Despite how hard the mission,
 Side by side they took a stand.

They fought with faith and honor,
 Hearts filled with country pride.
 Defenders of our freedom,
 Some were wounded, others died.

FROM YOUR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Members of the 1st District Auxiliary.

As your first vice-president and membership chairman I am wanting ***to try something different this year with membership!*** I am hoping a change will get us to 1st place in the state this year!

I have divided the units into 4 areas like the Vice Commanders that the Legionnaires have used for years. I would appreciate one member to be my helper in each area. You would contact the membership chairman for each unit every week or two to see how they are doing on numbers. I in turn would check in with each of you weekly via phone or email to check on numbers.

If there is a unit struggling or in need of our support, I would know sooner and be able to address it. I plan on keeping track of each area. There will be a prize awarded to the area with the highest numbers at the end of the year!

The areas are as follows:

1: Byron; Elgin; Eyota; Kellogg; Lake City; Lewiston; Mazeppa; Millville; Plainview; Rochester; St. Charles; Stewartville; Wabasha; and Winona

2: Blooming Prairie; Claremont; Dodge Center; Hayfield; Janesville; Kasson; New Richland; Owatonna; Waldorf; Waseca; West Concord.

3: Caledonia; Chatfield; Harmony; Hokah; Houston; La Crescent; Lanesboro; Mabel; Ostrander; Peterson; Rushford; Spring Grove; Spring Valley; Whalen; and Wykoff.

4: Adams; Albert Lea; Alden; Austin; Emmons; Freeborn; Glenville; Grand Meadow; Leroy; and Lyle.

If you can help 1st District reach #1 in membership please let me know.

Michelle Weaver

1st District Membership

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FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY AWARDS

AMERICANISM	The Betty Gardner Trophy	Not Awarded
	The Miner/Isenberg First District Americanism Trophy	Plainview Unit 179
	Certificate of Participation	LaCrescent Unit 595
	Certificate of Participation	Waldorf
	Certificate of Participation	Mabel Unit 299
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND	Certificate of Participation	Waseca Unit 228
CHILDREN & YOUTH	The District Child Welfare Gavel Trophy	
	The Myrna Gunderson Trophy	Hayfield Unit 330
	The Cindy Nelson Award	Albert Lea Unit 56
	Certificate of Participation	
	Certificate of Participation	
COMMUNITY SERVICE	The Evelyn Lyke Community Service Trophy	Hayfield Unit 330
	The Berenice Smith Community Service Award	Glenville Unit 264
	Certificate of Participation	Plainview Unit 179
	Certificate of Participation	Mabel Unit 299
EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP	The Mildred Holtz Gavel Trophy	Hayfield Unit 330
	Certificate of Participation	Lake City Unit 110
	Certificate of Participation	
SERVICE TO VETERANS	The Bonnie Burns Field Service Trophy	Missing from last year - Waseca did not
	Loretta Lechner Trophy	Kellogg Unit 546
	Certificate of Participation	
HISTORY	The Irene Martin History Trophy	Waseca Unit 228
	Certificate of Participation	Plainview Unit 179
	Certificate of Participation	
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	The Bev Jiardina Trophy	
	Certificate of Participation	
	Certificate of Participation	
LEADERSHIP	Certificate of Participation	

LEGISLATION	The Bette Berg and Louella Gusa (B&L) Trophy	Hayfield Unit 330
	Certificate of Participation	
	Certificate of Participation	
MEMBERSHIP	The Marie Goede Membership Trophy	Peterson did not return it
	The Glens Osmundson Gavel Bell Trophy	
	The Lynette Hillman Wolff Membership Trophy	
	The Carol Kruger Membership Trophy	Albert Lea Unit 56
	Certificate of Participation	
	Certificate of Participation	
MEMORIAL	The Jenny Miller Trophy	Trophy is full
	The Audrey Erwin Memorial Trophy	Hayfield Unit 330
	Certificate of Participation	
	Certificate of Participation	
MUSIC	The Lois Deyo Music Trophy	Hayfield Unit 330
	Certificate of Participation	
	Certificate of Participation	
NATIONAL SECURITY	The National Security Trophy	Hayfield Unit 330
	Certificate of Participation	
	Certificate of Participation	
PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY	The Pat Johannsen Trophy	Hayfield Unit 330
	Certificate of Participation	
	Certificate of Participation	
POPPY	The Lillian Koch Trophy	Stewartville Unit 164
	The Marge Schreiber Traveling District Poppy Queen Trophy	
	The Carol Kruger Traveling Poppy Queen Crown	
	Certificate of Participation	
	Certificate of Participation	

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Anna Schmitz Public Relations Trophy

Hayfield Unit 330

Certificate of Participation

Certificate of Participation

VA&R

The District Rehabilitation Gavel Trophy

Trophy is lost

The Gladys Johnson Gavel Bell Trophy

Plainview Unit 179

The Maureen Patterson Trophy

Albert Lea

Certificate of Participation

Certificate of Participation

POPPY CONTEST WINNERS

First Place

Julie Keifer & Brook Allen - Adams - To Dept

Second place

Wyatt Mote & Mariah Wirt - Lewiston Unit

People's Choice

1st - Stewartville - 2nd Glenville & Hayfield

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The membership report spreadsheet on the following page is from July 7, 2017 which was right before the Department Convention. This is just a trial run of the spreadsheet to see how it looks and works in the newsletter. Please let Michelle Weaver know what your likes or dislikes are so we can make any changes that we need to before the 2018 membership bulletins start being posted.

Wayne Hammon Jr—First District Adjutant

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS For 7/7/2017

UNIT	NAME	Goal	Sr gain	Jr gain	period gain	Current	Totals	Percent	Jr total	Sr Totals
146	Adams	148	0	0	0	138	138	93.24%	15	123
56	Albet Lea	342	0	0	0	329	329	96.20%	7	322
404	Alden	49	0	0	0	48	48	97.96%	1	47
91	Austin	169	4	0	4	143	147	86.98%	1	146
52	Blooming Prairie	118	0	0	0	115	115	97.46%	2	113
119	Byron	95	0	0	0	90	90	94.74%	14	76
191	Caledonia	79	0	0	0	76	76	96.20%	5	71
197	Chatfield	40	0	0	0	39	39	97.50%	0	39
422	Claremont	22	0	0	0	21	21	95.45%	4	17
384	Dodge Center	81	0	0	0	76	76	93.83%	6	70
573	Elgin	24	0	0	0	18	18	75.00%	2	16
317	Emmons	32	1	0	1	26	27	84.38%	0	27
551	Eyota	109	0	0	0	100	100	91.74%	5	95
552	Freeborn	65	0	0	0	63	63	96.92%	7	56
264	Glenville	111	1	0	1	93	112	100.90%	18	94
140	Grand Meadow	79	0	0	0	72	72	91.14%	8	64
81	Harmony	53	0	0	0	54	54	101.89%	21	33
330	Hayfield	198	0	0	0	193	193	97.47%	20	173
498	Hokah	21	0	0	0	19	19	90.48%	0	19
423	Houston	144	4	0	4	138	142	98.61%	18	124
281	Janesville	61	0	0	0	52	52	85.25%	1	51
333	Kasson	151	0	0	0	149	149	98.68%	5	144
546	Kellogg	141	0	0	0	130	130	92.20%	14	116
595	La Crescent	233	1	0	1	225	226	97.00%	14	212
110	Lake City	88	0	0	0	79	79	89.77%	11	68
40	Lanesboro	104	0	0	0	95	95	91.35%	1	94
161	LeRoy	68	0	0	0	51	51	75.00%	16	35
90	Lewiston	42	0	0	0	38	38	90.48%	3	35
105	Lyle	55	1	0	1	45	46	83.64%	6	40
299	Mabel	139	0	0	0	135	135	97.12%	18	117
588	Mazeppa	54	0	0	0	42	42	77.78%	2	40
579	Millville	50	0	0	0	45	45	90.00%	3	42
75	New Richland	66	0	0	0	60	60	90.91%	0	60
544	Ostrander	18	0	0	0	15	15	83.33%	0	15
77	Owatonna	138	0	0	0	123	123	89.13%	0	123
526	Peterson	38	0	0	0	37	37	97.37%	1	38
179	Plainview	185	0	0	0	177	177	95.68%	20	157
92	Rochester	183	0	0	0	175	175	95.63%	10	165
94	Rushford	78	0	0	0	76	76	97.44%	3	73
249	Spring Grove	144	0	0	0	130	130	90.28%	19	111
68	Spring Valley	47	0	0	0	44	44	93.62%	0	44
190	St Charles	81	0	0	0	65	65	80.25%	3	62
164	Stewartville	188	0	0	0	179	179	95.21%	9	170
50	Wabasha	142	1	0	1	130	131	92.25%	5	126
587	Waldorf	30	0	0	0	23	23	76.67%	0	23
228	Waseca	237	0	0	0	242	242	102.11%	14	228
295	West Concord	37	0	0	0	33	33	89.19%	1	33
637	Whalen	25	0	0	0	23	23	92.00%	0	23
9	Winona	181	0	0	0	164	164	90.61%	6	158
369	Wykoff	17	0	0	0	17	17	100.00%	0	17
	District	5,000	13	0	13	4650	4,681	93.62%	339	4345

1st District Officers & Chairman for 2017-2018

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Greetings...

I want to take this opportunity to thank you again, for your support and confidence in choosing me as your S.A.L. 1st district Commander. I'm eligible for membership thru my Father Kenny Nelson. I am a past 1st District S.A.L. Commander. I also am current Squadron Commander of Glenville 264. My wife Kelli and I live in Albert Lea, with our Weiner dog Oscar. My family consists of current and passed district and department officers. We truly put the Family in American Legion Family.

Everyone has their reason to join the American Legion Family. I ask what is yours? To be a part of the largest veterans organization? To be part of your community? To ride? To honor our fallen soldier? Mine is to honor my father, grandfather, uncle's, and friends who served this great country. To ensure that what they fought for will never be forgotten. To ensure THEY will never be forgotten!

For those of you who attended the District picnic, which was our largest attendance, I made some comments about my upcoming project, and awards. As I get them all finalized, I will give more info.

All I ask is we talk. Especially Talk About the Proud Possessors, the Sons. TAPPS. For those who are travelling to national convention, have safe travels. Until next month,

David Kenneth Nelson - 1st District S.A.L. Commander
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Serving those who served

IMPORTANT LEGIONVILLE DATES

Dates to put in calendars.

CAMP-O-REE - September 7, 8, 9, 10, 2017

LEGION RIDERS ROMP - September 14, 15, 16, 17, 2017

SAL DEER HUNT - September 28, 29, 30, 2017

Thanks – Wayne Gilbertson

SQUADRON 92, ROCHESTER, MN MONTHLY EVENT

SAL Fish and Chicken Dinner.

The Third Friday of each month - September thru May.

At the Legion Post 92 Club in Rochester.

\$11.00 for all you can eat.

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Greetings,

The First District American Legion Riders had the 3rd Annual Legacy Run on July 8th and 9th, 2017. This ride was a huge success thanks to planning committee. This ride raised approximately \$13,000 and is still growing. Everyone that rode had a marvelous time and enjoyed visiting all the wonderful American Legion Posts. Thank you to all the Legion Posts that hosted and brought the American Legion Riders great hospitality.

On Saturday, August 19th there will be a Veterans Night event held at Deer Creek Speedway in Spring Valley. This event is free to all veterans and spouses. The gates open at 2:30 p.m., small cars is from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., opening ceremony starts at 5:45 p.m., and the race is from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **The American Legion Riders have been asked to ride one full lap around the race track at intermission. If you plan on coming on your motorcycle and want to participate in this please contact Dennis Lewison or Tonia Bettermann as soon as possible.** We need to have a count of how many riders will be participating. The flyer is attached for additional information.

The Department Annual Legacy Ride will be July 28 to July 30 and August 4 to August 6. If you want to see more detail on where the riders will be going please visit the Minnesota Department of American Legion Riders website <http://mnalr.org/home.php>. This will be a truly fun experience for all the people participating.

Please keep your calendars open for September 15 to 17, 2017. This is the Department American Legion Riders R.O.M.P. This will be at Legionville in Brainerd. This is a fun weekend for all American Legion Riders. If you have any questions please contact Dennis Lewison or Tonia Bettermann for more detail.

Thank you,

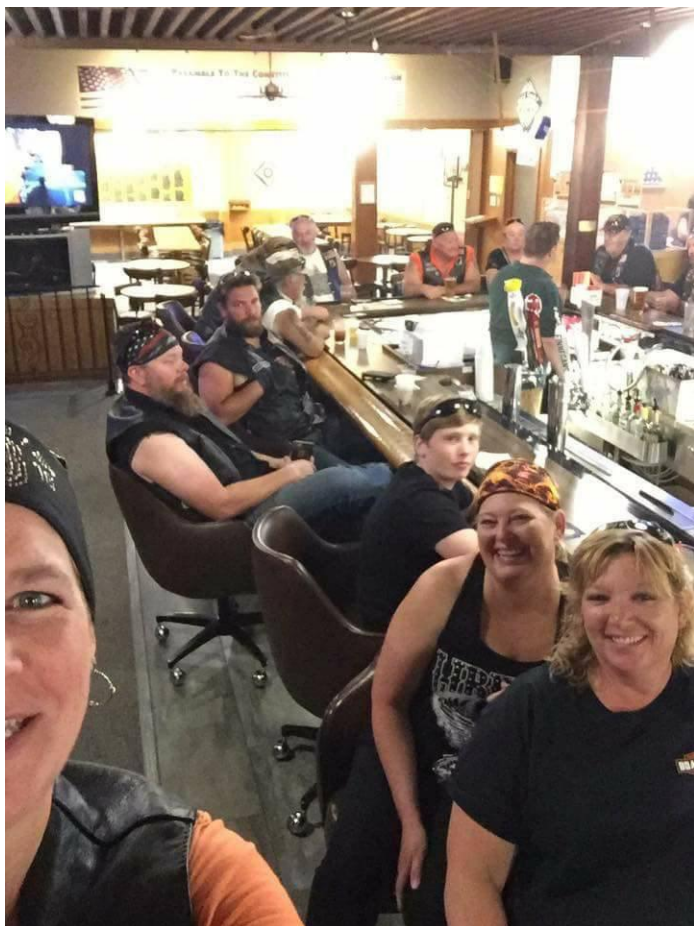
Tonia Bettermann
First District ALR Secretary



1st weekend on the Department Legacy Ride. This is a picture of all the First District people on the ride! Great cause and had a great time.



Above and to the left - Presenting the Legacy donations from across the 1st District at the State Legacy Scholarship Run at Owatonna Post 77.



Aug 19th

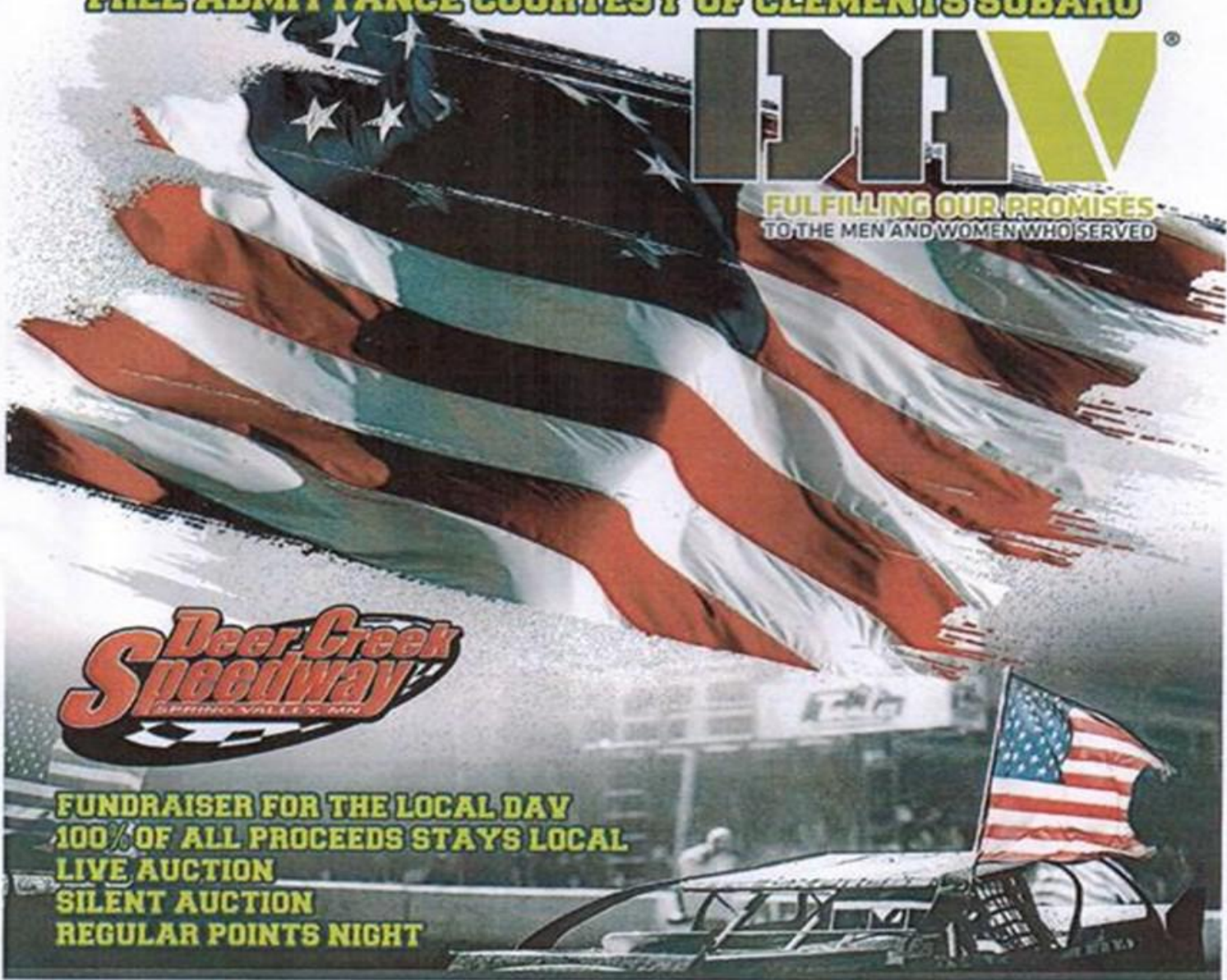
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Adams American Legion

Post 146

Adams, Minnesota 55909

Season Opening Chicken Fry Event

Saturday, September 2, 2017

Bar Opens 1:00 pm

Patio Dedication 4:00 pm

Silent Auction 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Chicken Fry 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Street Raffle Drawings 8:00 pm

Live Auction to follow Raffle

Live Entertainment