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

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Some posts are starting to open with COVID 19 rules in place, Please contact your post to see what the times and rules are.

August 9, 2020—The First District Picnic at Grand Meadow Memorial Park—more info can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

More of the upcoming events are listed in Commander Dale’s article which can be found on page 4 of this newsletter

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

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

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For God and Country

OFFICE OF THE
 NATIONAL COMMANDER

August 3, 2020

Dear Commanders & Adjutants,

The target date for award recognition for Consolidated Post Reports (CPR) has come and gone. Please pass on my sincere thanks to your leadership team from department to post for the hard work and dedication during this very challenging period we are experiencing. Primary results show that our CPR numbers are about the same as the last two prior years with just over 68 percent of our 12,637 posts having submitted a CPR. I know we can do better.

The world changed early this year as did The American Legion. We responded to the nation's national emergency like the patriotic servants we are by conducting food drives, blood drives, establishing food pantries, establishing COVID-19 testing stations in our posts and assisting citizens in need. I am proud of our American Legion Family's accomplishments and we need to take credit for it.

Now we need to press on for Phase 2 of the data collection as we build our annual report to the U. S. Congress. As some of you are aware, our 1919 federal charter requires us to submit an annual report to Congress on our activities. I want to increase the number of posts submitting CPRs so we can truly report the full impact we have on the lives of our veterans, their families and communities across this nation. There is no reason we should not have 100 posts submitting CPRs. My fellow Legionnaires, we have a lot of information that is not being reported.

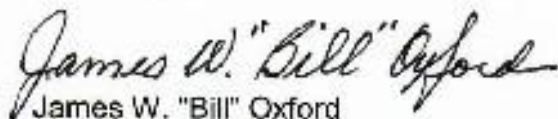
Knowing firsthand the impact our numbers and services have on Congress, I encourage you and your department, division, area, district, and county leaders continue to work with posts to submit their CPR. Call on your leaders to contact the posts in your respective departments that have not submitted a CPR and assist them in completing one. There is a myLegion.org report form for your leaders to use to easily identify posts that have not yet submitted this important report.

It may be too late for recognition but it is not too late to tell our story to Congress. Let us all pull together to meet the goal I set when I was elected. Help me announce to Congress that we have 100 percent participation. Think of the impact such a report will carry as we the halls of Congress looking for support from lawmakers on issues for our military, our veterans, their families and their communities.

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We have about 30 days to complete Phase Two. Let us all work together on this. I am counting on you to get the remaining posts to submit a report by August 28. Do not forget what your headquarters posts are also doing. Thanks for your support. Together we will build a Foundation for the Future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. 'Bill' Oxford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "O".

James W. "Bill" Oxford
National Commander

Copy to:

National Vice Commanders
National Executive Committeemen
National Officers
Past National Commanders

FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings 1st District American Legion Family.

Thank you for your service and support that I have received from all of you throughout this first unprecedented year, we made it through .

We are into a new year and hope that our planning continues to move forward in a positive way this year.

ALL reports should have been submitted by now and new and renewal membership is always needed.

The district picnic is planned to be held in and hosted August 9 at the Grand Meadow veterans memorial Park at noon. To be held under CDC, department of health and Government rules that day. Masks, social distancing.

Camp o Ree at Legionville is Sept 10-13, Harvest Rally.

Rally in Dodge Center is October 3rd at the Dodge Center Legion.

Fall Conference at Breeze Point October 22-24.

Rally planned for early Nov. Area 3 TBD. This one is being planned for 6:30 in the evening .

Christmas party is planned to be in Eyota on Sunday December 13 at noon.

Midwinter at Stewartville January 9, 2021.

Rally in Area 2 at Blooming Prairie 6:30 in the evening on March 25. We are going to have these 2 rallies in the evening this year to see if we get better attendance.

Commanders testimonial dinner in Dodge Center April 17, 2021.

President's testimonial Stewartville May 1,2021..

District Convention will be held at Austin post 91. May 21,22, 2021.

With the new year is also some changes in reporting forms and the Department website (mnlegion.org) and reporting and communication on (mylegion.org) check it out lots of information on these sites.

Thank You for all the support and prayers for the deployed, and their families.

Keep in you prayers all the first responders and front line workers that are trying to get the virus under control.

FOR GOD and COUNTRY.

Dale Wellik
First District Commander

From your 1st District Legion Chaplain



Greetings to our American Legion Family!



August is upon us; where has the summer gone? I hope and pray that everyone is well and healthy. Hopefully, everyone has survived the corona virus without much difficulty so far. We've had 2 people in our small town come down with it and both have recovered nicely. On that note, pray for those who are ill from Covid19 or are still recovering. I know there are many in the 1st District and state who are and were affected by the virus.

As we enter into the month of August, the start of a new school year is not far away. We need to be in prayer for those who are going to make the decisions about opening schools. Our children need to be back in that school setting, and hopefully things will return to normal. These have been trying days for many families, harder on some more than others.

I would ask that we be in prayer for Jim Westby and his family as they cope and deal with the loss of their son-in-law. May God give peace as Jim's family mourns the untimely passing.

Pray for our service personnel who are on active duty, and for those deployed overseas. Continue to pray for those among us who are sick, hurt, and lonely. Do a Buddy Check on a fellow veteran or give a lending hand to someone in need. It's not only needed, but it's the right thing to do.

Until next month,



May the Peace and Grace of our Lord and Savior Be



with You and Yours.

Larry H. Otto
1st District Chaplain

To whom it may concern

THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Attention; MN Gold Star Monument Committee

4520 58th LN NW

Rochester, MN 55901

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

Dave Swenson 507-206-8479



A FEW CHOICE WORDS FROM OUR DISTRICT COMMANDER.



Show your appreciation for all of our military. FLY the FLAG!

Thank a Veteran. Donate to the poppy program, and wear one proudly, those go to support Veterans too.

Armed Forces Day is a special day for all of military and their families.

Memorial day - Honors all of the military that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom

. These are all around the world. Read the poem "In Flanders Field" and think about it.

The Flag should be at half-staff until noon and raised to the top for the rest of the day.

We may have to be creative for our Memorial Day programs this year. Social distancing and size of groups honor the deceased somewhere. Visit the cemeteries of your choice.

For God and Country. Enjoy your Freedom.

DALE WELLIK
First District Commander

IF YOU WONDERED WHY WE DO NOT WALK BETWEEN OR "BREAK" THE COLORS AT LEGION EVENTS, THIS IS THE REASON WHY.

**AMERICAN
LEGION**

This Is Hallowed Ground

**Why You Don't Walk
Between The Colors**

Between the flags that proudly fly
Let no one dare to stand
For here our fallen comrades lie,
We call it Hallowed Ground.
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In Memory of the ones who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea or land these buddies died.
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so this place is Hallowed Ground.
And it shall be forever blessed,
As though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest

Be ever watchful, Legionnaire.
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead
As tho he walked upon their grave.

FROM AREA FOUR

Hello Area 4,

We are embarking on a new year. I will be the Area 4 Vice Commander again due to Covid. I will be contacting all the posts and starting up visits in the near future.

First up is the 1st District American Legion Family Picnic on 8/9 at noon at the Grand Meadow Memorial Park. **Everyone** is invited. This is **not** potluck. You bring lawn chairs, plates, utensils and drinks. The 1st District is proudly serving hamburgers, brats, hot dogs and corn. There will be individual bags of chips and cookies for dessert. It is always a good time, get out and see the family again. A mask is required.

As of today (7/29), the Camp-O-Ree at Legionville in Brainerd is a go. The dates are 9/10 thru 9/13. The planning is ongoing; The 1st District hosts a steak fry on Thursday night and the Department Harvest Rally on Saturday. Keep an eye out for the next Legionnaire for more information.

Then on to October for the Fall Conference at Breezy Point the 22nd thru the 24th. To make these a success, we need to have more participation. If you have not been to one in a while or new to the organization, it is time to get involved. There is always a jam packed agenda with good information and who can forget the hospitality rooms? A good time for all. The hotel information and registrations is in the July 2020 Legionnaire.

The membership packets have been distributed in the 1st District. As each post is working on dues, I would ask that you work on recruiting new members at the same time. Ask your current members if they know of anyone that qualifies for membership. It never hurts to ask. Also, do the buddy checks. Find out if your post can help any of your members or the community during this pandemic. It is the greatest feeling in the world when you help someone in need.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or issues. I am here to help in any way I can.

Mary Hanson
The American Legion
1st District Area 4 Commander

FROM AREA ONE

As we start out this new year I hope that everyone has been safe and taking care through this covid 19 virus. The district and the Dept. have been busy with trying new things to make it easier and safer for members to make meetings and keep in touch with each other. We are now introducing Zoom so that Post meetings can be broadcast to those who cannot physically be at the meeting. Also with Zoom you can record the meetings and then email it to members. Remember that we still have to promote the four pillars; helping our veterans, helping the community and the children of the community, So in closing remember to turn in your officer reports and make sure that you have updated contact numbers for them. Also do your buddy checks and remember that as the American Legion family, we are only as strong as our members. As district officers we are the spokesperson for members. Ask your membership for their ideas to make us stronger.

Thank you
Mark A. Maloney III
Area 1 vice commander

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

Myron Ehrich - First District Membership Director



2020 American Legion Department of Minnesota

Patriotism & Purpose Art Contest

The American Legion Department of Minnesota announces the 2020 Patriotism and Purpose Art Contest to honor our Veterans and the sacrifices they have made for our country.

The winning artwork will best reflect the impact our Veterans have on our communities and our nation, particularly in inspiring patriotism and love for our country among Minnesota's youth.

The art submission must be produced by the child without assistance from anyone else. The entry must be original and not a copy of another work. Good luck!

For more information, on the contest, please email department@mnlegion.org or visit our website at mnlegion.org

Entry Deadline

September 1, 2020

Who Can Enter

Minnesota residents under age 18

Entries

Original unfolded artwork on minimum 8.5" by 11" paper

Prizes

\$500 for each of the two age categories (5-12 and 13-17)

How to Enter

Patriotism & Purpose Contest
The American Legion,
Department of Minnesota
20 West 12th Street, Room 300-A
St. Paul, MN 55155

Honoring Our Veterans



More contest information on the following page.

CONTEST RULES

1. Entry deadline is September 1, 2020. Winners will be notified after judging. Contest winners will be officially announced via the Department website and social media.
2. Children who have not turned 18 before September 1, 2020 are eligible.
3. The child must produce the artwork without assistance from anyone else. The entry must be original and not a copy of another work.
4. Artwork can be a drawing, painting, collage or other two- dimensional piece. Artwork must be horizontal in layout (also known as landscape), without a matte, frame or border and created on paper no smaller than 8" by 11" and no larger than 18" x 24".
5. Artwork will be judged on its positive representation of military veterans and their impact on children.

SUBMISSION RULES

Artwork and form may be submitted via mail.

1. Included with the artwork, but not stapled to the artwork, should be the student first and last name, birth month and birth year, parent name, home address, parent or child email address, and parent phone number.
2. The contest may copy and modify any entry for reproduction. Artwork will not be returned and may be used for future contest promotions.
3. All entries must be postmarked to the address listed below no later than August 29, 2020. Patriotism & Purpose Contest The American Legion, Department of Minnesota 20 West 12th Street, Room 300-A St. Paul, MN 55155

CONTEST RECOGNITION

One GRAND PRIZE and three HONORABLE MENTION winners are awarded in two categories:

Category A: Artists under the age of 12, as of September 1, 2020

Category B: Artists 13-17, as of September 1, 2020

Honorable Mention winners will receive a certificate of recognition.

Each winner's artwork will also be featured in a press release, highlighted on multiple social media sites, and featured on the Department website

!!!!!!! FIRST DISTRICT PICNIC INFORMATION !!!!!!!!

The First District American Legion Family Picnic will be Sunday, August 9th at the Veterans Memorial Park in Grand Meadow. Located at 200 Main Street North, Grand Meadow, MN.

Following the CDC and Department of Health guidelines, **IT WILL NOT BE A POTLUCK, food will be provided per the requirements that were given to Commander Dale.**

Hamburgers, Brats and Hotdogs with buns, Sweet Corn, individual chips and cookies will be provided. You will need to bring your drink, plate and utensils...we cannot provide them.

Picnic starts at noon.

You will also need to bring along your lawn chairs so we can social distance and face masks are required.

The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2021 Membership Report as of July 30, 2020

Dist	Post	Location	New 2021	PUFL 2021	Online 2021	Trad 2021	Paid 2021	HQ Trans 2021	Total Membr 2021	Goal 2021	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2020	Last yr at this date
1	9	Winona	0	29	23	192	244	0	244	538	45.35%	0	69
1	90	Lewiston	0	8	1	1	10	0	10	75	13.33%	0	10
1	190	St Charles	2	18	6	54	80	0	80	133	60.15%	0	26
1		Winona County					334	0	334	746	44.77%		105
1	50	Wabasha	0	48	5	1	54	0	54	221	24.43%	0	52
1	110	Lake City	1	16	4	42	63	0	63	157	40.13%	0	22
1	179	Plainview	0	28	8	49	85	0	85	159	53.46%	0	81
1	546	Kellogg	0	9	0	1	10	0	10	63	15.87%	0	24
1	573	Elgin	0	2	1	1	4	0	4	29	13.79%	0	4
1	579	Millville	0	22	12	1	35	0	35	148	23.65%	0	51
1	588	Mazeppa	0	9	1	14	24	0	24	72	33.33%	0	38
1		Wabasha County					275	0	275	849	32.39%		272
1	92	Rochester	0	88	45	203	336	1	337	906	37.20%	0	191
1	119	Byron	0	17	5	1	23	0	23	133	17.29%	0	24
1	164	Stewartville	0	25	9	143	177	0	177	303	58.42%	0	133
1	446	Rochester	0	2	2	2	6	0	6	20	30.00%	0	3
1	551	Eyota	1	20	6	7	34	0	34	187	18.18%	0	38
1		Olmsted County					576	1	577	1549	37.25%		389
1		Area One					1185	1	1186	3144	37.72%		766

1	295	West Concord	0	8	0	12	20	0	20	65	30.77%	0	35
1	330	Hayfield	0	18	9	0	27	0	27	199	13.57%	0	51
1	333	Kasson	0	31	13	43	87	0	87	264	32.95%	0	108
1	384	Dodge Center	0	8	2	16	26	0	26	78	33.33%	0	25
1	422	Claremont	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	27	48.15%	0	10
1		Dodge County					173	0	173	633	27.33%		229
1	52	Blooming Prairie	0	16	1	1	18	0	18	95	18.95%	0	38
1	77	Owatonna	0	52	18	1	71	0	71	463	15.33%	0	64
1	296	Ellendale	0	3	1	2	6	0	6	39	15.38%	0	2
1		Steel County					95	0	95	597	15.91%		104
1	75	New Richland	0	8	1	40	49	0	49	48	102.08%	0	24
1	228	Waseca	0	21	8	3	32	0	32	310	10.32%	0	31
1	281	Janesville	0	9	6	25	40	0	40	88	45.45%	0	43
1	587	Waldorf	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	22	0.09	0	1
1		Waseca County					123	0	123	468	26.28%	0	99
		Area Two					391	0	391	1698	23.03%	0	432
1	40	Lanesboro	0	13	2	32	47	0	47	108	43.52%	0	33
1	68	Spring Valley	0	8	0	1	9	0	9	76	11.84%	0	33
1	81	Harmony	0	2	0	1	3	0	3	32	9.38%	0	4
1	94	Rushford	0	14	6	27	47	0	47	116	40.52%	0	18
1	166	Preston	0	18	0	8	26	0	26	61	42.62%	0	31
1	197	Chatfield	0	2	1	1	4	0	4	45	8.89%	0	4
1	299	Mabel	0	31	1	1	33	0	33	165	20.00%	0	56
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	16	6.25%	0	1
1	400	Canton	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	18	11.11%	0	2
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	14	7.14%	0	1

1	526	Peterson	0	4	0	1	5	0	5	39	12.82%	0	16
1	544	Ostrander	0	2	1	1	4	0	4	24	16.67%	0	4
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	10	10	0	10	7	142.86%	0	2
1		Fillmore County					192	0	192	682	28.15%	0	205
1	191	Caledonia	0	17	2	1	20	0	20	150	13.33%	0	32
1	249	Spring Grove	0	15	6	1	22	0	22	152	14.47%	0	39
1	423	Houston	0	8	3	1	12	0	12	105	11.43%	0	30
1	498	Hokah	0	1	1	1	3	0	3	22	13.64%	0	14
1	595	LaCrescent	0	47	12	64	123	0	123	273	45.05%	0	72
1		Houston County					180	0	180	702	25.64%	0	59
1		Area Three					372	0	372	1384	26.88%	0	264
1	56	Albert Lea	0	40	19	191	250	0	250	545	45.87%	0	57
1	264	Glenville	0	9	0	15	24	0	24	72	33.33%	0	22
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	13	15.38%	0	2
1	317	Emmons	0	3	1	1	5	0	5	53	9.43%	0	18
1	404	Alden	0	4	7	1	12	0	12	106	11.32%	0	10
1	552	Freeborn	0	5	1	1	7	0	7	33	21.21%	0	16
1		Freeborn County					300	0	300	822	36.50%	0	125
1	91	Austin	0	56	11	164	231	0	231	504	45.83%	0	199
1	105	Lyle	0	8	2	1	11	0	11	84	13.10%	0	27
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	2	2	1	5	0	5	41	12.20%	0	6
1	146	Adams	0	20	3	3	26	0	26	187	13.90%	0	40
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	2	22	28	0	28	52	53.85%	0	11
1	570	Austin Spam	0	0	2	9	11	0	11	14	78.57%	0	5
1		Mower County					312	0	312	882	35.37%	0	288
1		Area Four					612		612	1704	35.92%	0	413
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0.00%	0	0
1		District Totals					2560	1	2561	7984	32.08%	0	1875

LAKE CITY LOUIS MCCAHERILL POST #110 HONORS VETERANS ACHIEVEMENTS

PRESS RELEASE: LAKE CITY, MN – Recently the Lake City American Legion Louis McCahill Post #110 recognized four veterans for achievements as members of Post #110.

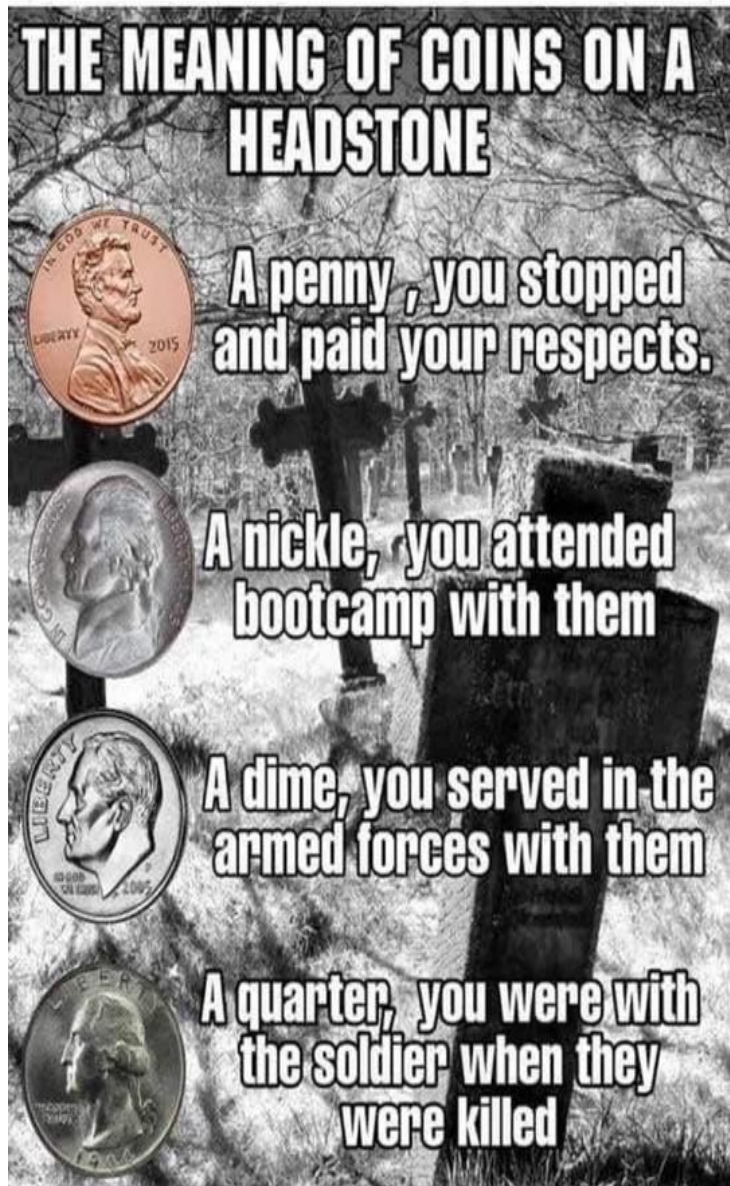


Receiving certificate awards are (L-R): for 50 years as an American Legion member: Donald Klein, Ron Gnotke, Jon Steffenhagen, Post #110 Commander Dan Smith who presented the Awards, and for community service volunteering, Sandra Bendickson.

Andru Peters has served six years in the US Army in regular and reserve service. He continues his military service being an active 52 year member in the American Legion and has served as a Post Adjutant, County Commander and a District One Vice-Commander.

For more information on the American Legion Lake City Post #110, contact him at cadancinbear@yahoo.com.

Memorial Day is coming so if you visit a cemetery don't remove the coins as they have meaning.



15 Minnesota Legion Family helping provide masks at critical time



[Quilts for Valor](#) (QoV) that much more important – a collaboration that has produced thousands of protective masks for residents of state veterans homes and patients at various Department of Veterans Affairs facilities.

“I think it’s so important that The American Legion takes the lead in this,” said Minnesota American Legion Foundation President and 49-year Legionnaire Lloyd Ricker. “I feel great that we can do it as a family. Helping veterans is what we’re all about.”

The quilts made by Quilts of Valor volunteers are awarded to U.S. military service members and veterans who have been touched by war in some way or shape. But the pandemic made it difficult for the quilters to both gather to work on the quilts and present them in person to recipients. But through a conversation with Minnesota National Executive Committeeman Bill Barbknecht, who is a friend with Minnesota Quilts of Valor State Coordinator Jenny Caughey, Ricker learned that local Quilts of Valor chapters were unable to meet up to quilt or award as many quilts as they normally did because of stay-at-home orders and social distancing.

By that time, the Department of Minnesota already had received requests for masks, while Legionnaire Randy Olson – a member of the department’s COVID-19 Committee – had discovered that VA hospitals and veteran homes in the state were running short on masks. A few sewing groups were able to manufacture some masks, but Ricker found out that Quilts of Valor could manufacture masks at a faster rate and larger quantity provided they were able to purchase an AccuQuilt cutter, which cuts fabric shapes significantly faster than by hand. That led to a \$1,000 donation from the Minnesota American Legion Foundation to cover the cost of the cutter, dyes and fabric.

Caughey a member of QoV’s Dent, Minn., chapter, said a relationship already existed between Quilts of Valor and the Minnesota American Legion at the post, district and department level. But the relationship took on a new meaning when the coronavirus pandemic hit.

“Quilters still want to quilt, and we continued to make Quilts of Valor,” Caughey said. “But then when Mr. Ricker called ... and said that they had been getting calls from the veteran homes with a plea for help with masks ... it was sort of a no-brainer. The American Legion has been incredibly supportive of us in Minnesota, and I think in many other areas of the country as well. The idea that our veterans are not being provided something as simple as a mask to keep them somewhat safe was just wrong. It was an easy ‘yes, of course we’ll help.’”

The quilters’ base of operation are two rooms in the Dent Community Center, a former elementary school with a drive-up window that allows for ready-to-sew masks to be safely picked up and completed masks dropped off while observing social distancing.

Ricker said Minnesota American Legion Riders deliver many of the masks, sometimes meeting up at midway points throughout the state to hand off masks to each other for final delivery.

Auxiliary Unit 148 in Dent also purchased \$300 of fabric for the effort, while Caughey said some Auxiliary members also are members of Quilts of Valor and assist with sewing the masks.

“It’s kind of a family deal,” Ricker said. “You actually have the whole (Legion) Family working on getting masks for the veterans. And right now, with the governor’s new policy, it’s more important than ever.”

More than 5,400 masks have been sewn by the quilters and distributed to the five Minnesota Veterans Homes in Fergus Falls, Luverne, Hastings, Silver Bay and Minneapolis; and to four VA facilities in Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Fargo and Sioux Falls.

Ricker said the foundation has since awarded Quilts of Valor another \$1,000 to continue the operation, which Caughey said continues to be critical with the situation in Minnesota.

“(The governor’s mandate) spurred some more requests,” Caughey said. “We had suspended making masks for a while. With the announcement, there’s a greater need. So we’re actually starting to cut masks and bag them up into kits. We’re going to start production again.”

Caughey said providing the masks is a chance to thank the state’s veterans for their service. “The armed services members have kept us safe from much greater threats,” she said. “So with this small measure we can do to keep them safe from this unseen threat is, gosh, I think it’s very apropos. Civilians are now being able to help veterans who kept us safe.”



May 26, 2020

To: All Legion Leadership
From: Daniel S. Wheeler, National Adjutant; Kevin J. Bartlett, National Judge Advocate
Re: American Legion Membership Eligibility of Personnel in the Newly Created United States Space Force

Per Title 36 of the US Code, Chapter 217, Section 21703,

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation [The American Legion] only if the individual—

- (1) has served in the Armed Forces of—
 - (A) the United States at any time during—
 - (i) the period from April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918; or
 - (ii) any time after December 7, 1941; or
 - (B) a government associated with the United States during a period or time referred to in subclause (A) of this clause and was a citizen of the United States when the individual entered that service; and
- (2) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or continues to serve honorably during or after that period or time.

The United States Space Force was created by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2020, signed by the President on December 20, 2019. It became Public Law No: 116-92,

“§9081. The United States Space Force

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a United States Space Force as an armed force within the Department of the Air Force....

(c) SPACE FORCE AS AN ARMED FORCE.—Section 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “Space Force,” after “Marine Corps,”.

Thus, as amended, Section 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code reads:

(4) The term “armed forces” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

Therefore, as title 10 of the United States Code now includes Space Force as an “Armed Force” and our federally chartered membership criteria uses the same wording [“has served in the Armed Forces....any time after December 7, 1941”] there are no necessary acts required to extend membership to all who have served or continue to serve in the United States Space Force.

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer, even if it is not what we are use too. Congratulations to LaVerne Rumsey-Hometown Hero from Wabasha Unit 50, for the great write up in July's Legionnaire! Thank you LaVerne for your outstanding dedication and commitment to our Veterans in all of our Minnesota Veterans Facilities making over 1000 masks to date! 1st District should be proud of all the mask that have been made by our members and are still being made for our Veterans! They are greatly appreciated by our facilities and our Veterans!

First District placed 2nd on the 2019-2020 membership year in Department! Last year membership 4109, Goal 4177, Actual 3942 - 94.37% down 167 members from last year. Sixth District placed 1st at 94.55%.....we were close!

Congratulations to the 11 Units who achieved goals: Alden Austin, Freeborn, Glenville, Grand Meadow, Kasson, Peterson, Rochester, Stewartville, Waldorf, and Winona! Thank you to our Membership Chairs and Members for making this happen! You should have your membership packets and staring to work shortly on the coming 2020-2021 membership year. Look at encouraging your members to renew online with a credit card. This could help us making it easy for some, this has been a great tool for the Legionnaires with their membership.

I would like to remind everyone the Auxiliary's Culture of Good Will is especially important right now with so much not being normal within our Units for our members. We all need to remind ourselves we need to practice this at all times, if not we are going to lose good members!

Units should be planning their year as normal, just as District and Department are. Hopefully everything will go as planned. If Units are uncomfortable having meeting's, consider doing Zoom meetings possibly.

Hope to see some of you at our District Picnic, Sunday, August 9th at noon in Grand Meadow! Thank you to President Margene and Commander Einar Myhre for hosting!

I would like to stress that our Culture of Good Will is especially important right now, more so than ever.

Let's hope when we start our meetings back up, that we can actually meet. If we are not able too, our Units can look at using Zoom, time will tell us as we get closer. Units should still be planning their year as normal, just as District and Department. We will hope everything will go as planned!

Hope to see some of you at our District Picnic - Sunday August 9th at noon in Grand Meadow. Remember our Veterans, who might be in need of a little help at this time! Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

President Wanda

FROM YOUR HONORARY JR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

My name is Taylor McElroy and I would like to introduce myself as the new Honorary Junior President of the 1st District. I am fourteen and I will be a freshman this upcoming school year. I will be involved in band, volleyball, basketball, track, and softball. I have been apart of the Junior Auxiliary for as long as I can remember! Up until this year, I have been the secretary and most recently the treasurer also. I plan on continuing Kassy's project, Believet Service Dogs This project is a way to raise money to help pay for the service dogs that go out to veterans in need.

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.

These 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.

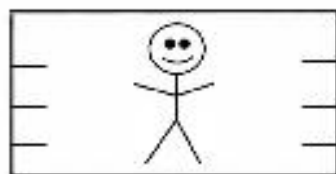
For more information check out their website at: believet.org

How to make a *Face Mask*

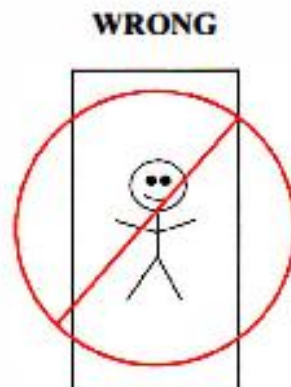
You will need a cotton fabric, any print for adult: 100% cotton, tightly woven fabric is preferred. Cotton flannel for the backing is preferred, though a different print of standard cotton is accepted.
 1/8" flat braided elastic
 Cut the elastic 7" long

Adult face mask (9"x6")

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



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Full Tutorial on their Facebook and Website

1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership As of May 20, 2020

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
9	Winona	137	135		135	98.54%	2
90	Lewiston	37	35		35	94.59%	2
190	St Charles	53	44		44	83.02%	9
50	Wabasha	113	108		108	95.58%	5
110	Lake City	72	63		63	87.50%	9
179	Plainview	139	119		119	85.61%	20
546	Kellogg	124	108		108	87.10%	16
573	Elgin	18	12		12	66.67%	6
579	Millville	53	50		50	94.34%	3
588	Mazeppa	37	36		36	97.30%	1
92	Rochester	135	135		135	100.00%	0
119	Byron	75	40		40	53.33%	35
164	Stewartville	173	173		173	100.00%	0
551	Eyota	100	96		96	96.00%	4
Pod One Total		1266	1154		1154	91.15%	112
295	West Concord	34	31		31	91.18%	3
330	Hayfield	182	171		171	93.96%	11
333	Kasson	133	133		133	100.00%	0
384	Dodge Center	75	63		63	84.00%	12
422	Claremont	21	19		19	90.48%	2
52	Blooming Prairie	104	90		90	86.54%	14
77	Owatonna	113	109		109	96.46%	4
75	New Richland	49	44		44	89.80%	5
228	Waseca	243	233		233	95.88%	10
587	Waldorf	19	20		20	105.26%	-1
Pod Two Totals		973	913		913	93.83%	60
40	Lanesboro	103	93		93	90.29%	10
68	Spring Valley	42	38		38	90.48%	4
81	Harmony	53	51		51	96.23%	2
94	Rushford	55	44		44	80.00%	11
197	Chatfield	32	29		29	90.63%	3
299	Mabel	123	109		109	88.62%	14
369	Wykoff	17	16		16	94.12%	1
526	Peterson	43	45		45	104.65%	-2

544	Ostrander	15	13	13	86.67%	2
637	Whalan	22	20	20	90.91%	2
191	Caledonia	75	74	74	98.67%	1
249	Spring Grove	122	107	107	87.70%	15
423	Houston	138	125	125	90.58%	13
498	Hokah	18	17	17	94.44%	1
595	La Crescent	181	169	169	93.37%	12
Pod Three Totals		1039	950	950	91.43%	89
56	Albert Lea	289	282	282	97.58%	7
264	Glenville	87	89	89	102.30%	-2
404	Alden	37	42	42	113.51%	-5
552	Freeborn	61	61	61	100.00%	0
91	Austin	128	133	133	103.91%	-5
105	Lyle	56	51	51	91.07%	5
140	Grand Meadow	63	64	64	101.59%	-1
146	Adams	132	123	123	93.18%	9
161	Leroy	46	43	43	93.48%	3
Pod Four Totals		899	888	888	98.78%	11
Total		4177	3905	3905	93.49%	272

***Note:**

Green Highlight = Greater than 100%

Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem

There has been much deserved on the hard work that has been done in the First District for membership this year. First District is tied for first place in the department with 93.49% with Sixth District. This would be an honor for the First District to receive the Carlson Hollenbeck trophy from Department. This is amazing with the Covid-19 breakout to still have this kind of turn out.

I am going to award the unit with the greatest increase in membership by giving an award to the unit that has the most increased membership in the month of June. Please work on contacting the people that have not yet had membership for this year. The First District is doing an amazing job and let's show the Department what we can do.

I would like to recognize all the units that have exceeded their membership this year. This is great to see this accomplishment. Keep up the amazing work.

Unit 404 – Alden with 113.51%

Unit 587 – Waldorf with 105.26%

Unit 526 – Peterson with 104.65%

Unit 91 – Austin with 103.91%

Unit 264 – Glenville with 102.30%

Unit 140 – Grand Meadow with 101.59%

Thank you for all your hard work.

Tonia Bettermann, Membership Chairman

CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

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

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

Question: Why change ALA membership eligibility?

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

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

Q: How can this change help ALA membership?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: We anticipate taking applications on Sept. 1.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THIS IS THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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

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



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Greeting SAL Members,

The John Zgoda Memorial Deer Hunt for Disabled Veterans.

Important information

Hey, everyone, I hope that all is well with you. I just got off the phone with Commander Vulcan and he has made the decision to cancel the above referenced deer hunt for 2020. As of right now, it will be held in 2021.

Also, in the days to come, he will be talking with Commander Dvorak and President Mary about the upcoming Legionville Camp-O-Ree. Just as soon as a decision is made, I will let all of you know.

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SAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 6/27/2020

SQUAD	LOCATION	GOAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	80	84	1	85	106.25%	-5	6/27/2020
40	LANESBORO	60	53	9	62	103.33%	-2	3/10/2020
50	WABASHA	10	7	3	10	100.00%	0	12/10/2019
90	LEWISTON	48	0	47	47	97.92%	1	11/20/2019
92	ROCHESTER	122	125	-3	122	100.00%	0	3/10/2020
94	RUSHFORD	35	23	1	24	68.57%	11	3/10/2020
119	BYRON	39	38	1	39	100.00%	0	3/25/2020
164	STEWARTVILLE	109	106	1	107	98.17%	2	6/27/2020
166	PRESTON	41	42	2	44	107.32%	-3	5/19/2020
179	PLAINVIEW	14	11	2	13	92.86%	1	5/19/2020
190	ST CHARLES	10	13	-1	12	120.00%	-2	3/10/2020
191	CALEDONIA	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10	8/19/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10	8/19/2019
299	MABEL	20	12	3	15	75.00%	5	2/11/2020
423	HOUSTON	10	0	15	15	150.00%	-5	11/12/2019
446	ROCHESTER	10	0	10	10	100.00%	0	3/25/2020
546	KELLOGG	20	8	9	17	85.00%	3	1/15/2020
551	EYOTA	40	30	5	35	87.50%	5	2/11/2020
573	ELGIN	10	0	3	3	30.00%	7	9/12/2019
579	MILLVILLE	26	25	3	28	107.69%	-2	4/22/2020
595	LA CRESCENT	72	60	14	74	102.78%	-2	4/22/2020
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		796	0	125	762	95.73%	34	6/27/2020
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	40	0	41	41	102.50%	-1	2/11/2020
56	ALBERT LEA	112	121	1	122	108.93%	-10	6/27/2020
75	NEW RICHLAND	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10	8/19/2019
77	OWATONNA	139	113	9	122	87.77%	17	6/27/2020
91	AUSTIN	71	62	2	64	90.14%	7	6/27/2020
105	LYLE	35	1	25	26	74.29%	9	2/20/2020
140	GRAND MEADOW	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
146	ADAMS	93	79	14	93	100.00%	0	4/22/2020
161	LEROY	39	37	3	40	102.56%	-1	12/16/2019
228	WASECA	118	103	2	105	88.98%	13	6/27/2020
264	GLENVILLE	46	47	-1	46	100.00%	0	4/22/2020
266	HARTLAND	12	0	10	10	83.33%	2	11/12/2019
281	JANESVILLE	10	0	7	7	70.00%	3	2/11/2020
317	EMMONS	16	25	16	41	256.25%	-25	6/27/2020
330	HAYFIELD	39	33	1	34	87.18%	5	3/25/2020
333	KASSON	43	34	3	37	86.05%	6	12/16/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	14	9	1	10	71.43%	4	6/27/2020
404	ALDEN	58	58	-1	57	98.28%	1	4/22/2020
552	FREEBORN	29	23	4	27	93.10%	2	3/10/2020
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		937	0	137	882	94.13%	55	6/27/2020
1111	DAKOTA	75	53	6	59	78.67%	16	5/6/2020
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		1808	53	268	1703	94.19%	105	6/27/2020

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It is with heavy heart that I must announce another cancellation. The 2020 Minnesota Legacy Run will be canceled. We will ask the Legions currently committed to the Kickoff Party, Ending Party, and overnights to consider committing to the same for the 2021 Legacy Run. Stay Healthy and stay safe

Due to health concerns amidst the coronavirus pandemic, American Legion leadership has decided to cancel the 2020 National American Legion Legacy Run.



We've missed you!

**THE KASSON AMERICAN LEGION PATIO
IS OPENING JUNE 1 AT 3 P.M.**

Join us on the patio for

- * *Beer Specials*
- * *E-tabs, pull tabs and e-bingo*
- * *Taco Tuesday's are back!*
- * *Pizza available*
- * *Wait staff outside*

We're looking forward to seeing you again!

EYOTA POST 551 INFORMATION

The bar will reopen on June 1st at 4:00. We have missed our customers (friends), but please be patient with the new rules.

- * Boston Dawn will be our bartender for the 1st week or so.
- * Customers cannot enter the building.
- * Patio service only.
- * Recycling and garbage containers will be available on the patio.
- * Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase.

The bar will be learning how to best serve our customers (friends) on a daily basis. Your business will be appreciated. Thanks

THIS PROGRAM IS STILL ACTIVE AND SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED BUT RIGHT NOW THE ITEMS ARE BEING SENT TO THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD IN MINNEAPOLIS DOING SECURITY.



The Eyota Legion Riders are asking for donations to put care packages together for local soldiers who are deployed.

Please see the list of items that are needed.

Drop off locations are at:

- ❖ Eyota American Legion
- ❖ Little Eagles Childcare Center/Eyota
- ❖ Olmsted County Veteran Services Office
- ❖ Anytime Fitness/Byron



CANDY

- Candy (heat resistant)
- Fruit Breezes (throat drops)
- Twizzlers

CORRESPONDENCE

- Writing Paper and Envelopes
- Pens/Pencils

DENTAL

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Mouthwash

DRINK

- Coffee (instant)
- Coffee Creamer
- Individual Size Drink Mixes

FOOD (including dry goods, snacks)

- Oatmeal (instant)
- Ramen Noodles-any flavor
- Bars (Clif or Balance)
- Beef Jerky or SlimJims
- Granola Bars
- Individual Crackers or Cookies
- Canned Fruit (pop top cans)
- Gum
- Sugar packets
- Ravioli (pop top cans)
- Tuna Kits

TOILETRIES/HYGIENE

- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products (for female soldiers)
- Travel size body wash
- Deodorant
- Foot Powder
- Hand Lotion
- Q-Tips
- Razors (disposable)
- Shampoo
- Sunscreen
- Tylenol (individual packets)

Other

- Batteries (AA, D,)
- Bug Spray (must be packaged in zip-lock bag)
- Duct Tape
- Flashlights (mini/mag lite, extra bulbs, lots of batteries)
- Fans (battery powered – small – with extra batteries)
- Fly Strips
- Fly Swatters
- Socks

ENTERTAINMENT

- Playing Cards
- Crossword Puzzles
- Hand held electronic games
- Soduko books