



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

SEPT 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

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 11, 2017—Remember Patriot Day

September 16, 2017 - Remember American Legion Day

September 17, 2017—Remember Constitution Day

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.

October 7, 2017 - First District Fall Rally at Plainview post 179. Exec Boards at 9 AM Rally at 10 AM.

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St Charles post 190 and St Charles Boy Scouts at the beginning of the parade in St Charles

FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S DESK

Greetings First District:

We are off to a good start on membership. We are off the Goose Egg and as of this letter we are in 3rd place in Department. Thanks everyone for a great job. Keep up the good work. Remember to send those memberships in every week. It doesn't do any good to hold onto them and it helps us to win money for the District from Department.

We had our first Department Executive Board meeting and Membership Training August 5th at Elk River Post# 112. The First District was well represented. It was a very informative meeting and we had a good membership turn in. The Post served a great meal, all you could eat. Thanks for being a great host.

The ALR Legacy Ride is off to a great start. They are well on their way to their goal of \$200,000. This is a great program, we need everyone to participate. Minnesota is always at the top in donations.

Delegates to the National Convention in Reno Nevada will be heading home or already home by the time this letter is published. I will have a report next month.

September 7th thru the 10th are the dates for the annual Camp-o-ree at Legionville. If you haven't been there you are missing out on a good time. On Thursday night the 1st District serves steak as a fund raiser. There is food served each day by some group and there are a wide variety of things to do every day. The Harvest Rally will be held in conjunction with the camp out. Membership turn in will be from 3:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. on Saturday. The program will begin at 4:30p.m. with a meal to follow.

The Area 3 Rally will be held in Preston September 23rd. We will be meeting at the post at 2:00p.m. and then going to the new Veterans Cemetery. Director Rob Gross will present a program and give us a tour of the cemetery. After the tour we will return to the post for our Rally. Please plan to attend. Let's show our appreciation to the great job the staff do for the Veterans and their family's.

Once again , my project for the year is to purchase a covered six passenger golf cart for the new Preston Veterans Cemetery. The cart will be used to ferry families to grave sites and around the cemetery. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

God Bless Our Troops and God Bless America!!!!

First District Commander - Les Shaunce

FROM AREA ONE

Hello; my Legionnaire friends.

Just would like to say that the First District will work hard for the many veterans that have been lost or forgotten. I would like to see more participation by the posts at district events in the future.

Remember to keep sending in your membership and let's work together to make this a wonderful year.

Thank you;

Area One Vice Commander
Scott Ihrke

FROM AREA TWO

Hello!

August fly by as quick as can be.... Where does the time go?

I spent a good portion of it getting ready for the 99th National Convention. It was held in Reno, Nevada this year. I had a great time and am already looking forward to next year, when Minnesota will host it.

The new National Commander is Denise Rohan. She is our first female National Commander as many of you already know. She is from our neighboring state of Wisconsin. I want to wish her a great year for this historic moment.

President Trump was there and did sign a bill that should help Veterans with their benefits.

When I got back from Reno, I headed to Waseca Post 228 on Saturday night to attend the 4th annual fundraiser that was held in honor of USMC Caleb Erickson. Monies went to wounded warrior projects as well as scholarships.

I am looking forward to the Jamboree that will be held in Legionville during September. It is always a great weekend.

Area 2 Vice Commander,

FROM AREA THREE

Greetings from Area Three:

Now that the convention is over and we are back to regular routine, it's time to start getting members to turn in their yearly membership. It is September and a good time to contact the Snow Birds to get their membership before they are gone for the winter.

On September 23rd there will be a District Rally in Preston for Area Three. At approximately 1400 hours we will take a tour of the cemetery in Preston. This Rally will give you an opportunity to see how beautiful the cemetery is and to answer any questions you may have. Hope to see you there.

Keep the men and women in uniform in your thoughts and prayers.

Area Three Vice Commander
Carroll Hill

FROM AREA FOUR

Hello Comrades,

The Convention in Reno this year was amazing. Some new regulations were implemented and other topics too numerous to mention at this time. I am hoping to be invited to your post meetings to discuss membership, new and member retention.

I am proud to announce we have our first female national Commander this year. She comes from our neighboring state of Wisconsin. It will be a great year!

Maybe we could also discuss a loan to tide me over after Reno and Las Vegas .HaHa!

Remember to thank a veteran and I thank you all now.

Area 4 Vice Commander
Rollie Hanson

First district membership report for 9/1/2017

| POST | LOCATION | GQAL | PREVIOUS | TURN IN | TOTAL | PERCENT | LEFT | Date |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 9 | WINONA | 597 | 333 | -1 | 332 | 55.61% | 265 | 9/1/2017 |
| 90 | LEWISTON | 78 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3.85% | 75 | 8/21/2017 |
| 190 | ST CHARLES | 144 | 86 | 1 | 87 | 60.42% | 57 | 9/1/2017 |
| WINONA COUNTY TOTALS | | 819 | 421 | 1 | 422 | 51.53% | 397 | 9/1/2017 |
| 50 | WABASHA | 242 | 80 | 23 | 103 | 42.56% | 139 | 9/1/2017 |
| 110 | LAKE CITY | 141 | 83 | 4 | 87 | 61.70% | 54 | 9/1/2017 |
| 179 | PLAINVIEW | 194 | 82 | 10 | 92 | 47.42% | 102 | 8/21/2017 |
| 546 | KELLOGG | 73 | 26 | 4 | 30 | 41.10% | 43 | 8/23/2017 |
| 573 | ELGIN | 37 | 2 | 17 | 19 | 51.35% | 18 | 8/10/2017 |
| 579 | MILLVILLE | 140 | 50 | 37 | 87 | 62.14% | 53 | 8/21/2017 |
| 588 | MAZEPPA | 78 | 29 | 7 | 36 | 46.15% | 42 | 8/21/2017 |
| WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS | | 905 | 352 | 102 | 454 | 50.17% | 451 | 9/1/2017 |
| 92 | ROCHESTER | 988 | 480 | 22 | 502 | 50.81% | 486 | 9/1/2017 |
| 119 | BYRON | 148 | 62 | 8 | 70 | 47.30% | 78 | 8/21/2017 |
| 164 | STEWARTVILLE | 305 | 164 | 3 | 167 | 54.75% | 138 | 9/1/2017 |
| 446 | ROCHESTER | 17 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 64.71% | 6 | 8/3/2017 |
| 551 | EYOTA | 183 | 77 | 5 | 82 | 44.81% | 101 | 8/21/2017 |
| OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS | | 1641 | 784 | 48 | 832 | 50.70% | 809 | 9/1/2017 |
| AREA ONE TOTALS | | 3365 | 1557 | 151 | 1708 | 50.76% | 1657 | 9/1/2017 |
| 295 | WEST CONCORD | 57 | 14 | 5 | 19 | 33.33% | 38 | 8/23/2017 |
| 330 | HAYFIELD | 242 | 106 | 12 | 118 | 48.76% | 124 | 9/1/2017 |
| 333 | KASSON | 269 | 152 | 10 | 162 | 60.22% | 107 | 8/23/2017 |
| 384 | DODGE CENTER | 87 | 2 | 42 | 44 | 50.57% | 43 | 8/21/2017 |
| 422 | CLAREMONT | 36 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 66.67% | 12 | 8/23/2017 |
| DODGE COUNTY TOTALS | | 691 | 290 | 77 | 367 | 53.11% | 324 | 9/1/2017 |
| 52 | BLOOMING PRAIRIE | 111 | 47 | 9 | 56 | 50.45% | 55 | 8/21/2017 |
| 77 | OWATONNA | 556 | 191 | 73 | 264 | 47.48% | 292 | 8/21/2017 |
| 296 | ELLENDALE | 33 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 12.12% | 29 | 8/3/2017 |
| STEELE COUNTY TOTALS | | 700 | 240 | 84 | 324 | 46.29% | 376 | 9/1/2017 |
| 75 | NEW RICHLAND | 58 | 26 | 4 | 30 | 51.72% | 28 | 8/21/2017 |
| 228 | WASECA | 342 | 196 | 17 | 213 | 62.28% | 129 | 9/1/2017 |
| 281 | JANESVILLE | 102 | 51 | 3 | 54 | 52.94% | 48 | 9/1/2017 |
| 587 | WALDORF | 22 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 18.18% | 18 | 8/3/2017 |
| WASECA COUNTY TOTALS | | 524 | 275 | 26 | 301 | 57.44% | 223 | 9/1/2017 |
| AREA TWO TOTALS | | 1915 | 805 | 187 | 992 | 51.80% | 923 | 9/1/2017 |
| 40 | LANESBORO | 106 | 33 | 11 | 44 | 41.51% | 62 | 8/21/2017 |
| 68 | SPRING VALLEY | 85 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 18.82% | 69 | 8/21/2017 |
| 81 | HARMONY | 34 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 32.35% | 23 | 8/10/2017 |
| 94 | RUSHFORD | 134 | 37 | 24 | 61 | 45.52% | 73 | 8/21/2017 |
| 166 | PRESTON | 76 | 24 | 9 | 33 | 43.42% | 43 | 9/1/2017 |
| 197 | CHATFIELD | 50 | 1 | 37 | 38 | 76.00% | 12 | 8/3/2017 |
| 299 | MABEL | 179 | 6 | 32 | 38 | 21.23% | 141 | 8/21/2017 |
| 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 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 53.33% | 7 | 8/23/2017 |
| 526 | PETERSON | 37 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 51.35% | 18 | 8/23/2017 |
| 544 | OSTRANDER | 29 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 24.14% | 22 | 8/3/2017 |
| 637 | WHALEN | 15 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 80.00% | 3 | 8/3/2017 |

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| FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS | | 792 | 117 | 172 | 289 | 36.49% | 503 | 9/1/2017 |
| 191 | CALEDONIA | 170 | 49 | 55 | 104 | 61.18% | 66 | 8/21/2017 |
| 249 | SPRING GROVE | 162 | 29 | 13 | 42 | 25.93% | 120 | 8/21/2017 |
| 423 | HOUSTON | 113 | 21 | 20 | 41 | 36.28% | 72 | 8/3/2017 |
| 498 | HOKAH | 20 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 50.00% | 10 | 8/21/2017 |
| 595 | LA CRESCENT | 324 | 19 | 3 | 22 | 6.79% | 302 | 8/21/2017 |
| HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS | | 789 | 120 | 99 | 219 | 27.76% | 570 | 9/1/2017 |
| AREA THREE TOTALS | | 1581 | 237 | 271 | 508 | 32.13% | 1073 | 9/1/2017 |
| 56 | ALBERT LEA | 678 | 346 | 11 | 357 | 52.65% | 321 | 8/23/2017 |
| 264 | GLENVILLE | 87 | 24 | 9 | 33 | 37.93% | 54 | 8/23/2017 |
| 266 | HARTLAND | 15 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6.67% | 14 | 7/19/2017 |
| 317 | EMMONS | 72 | 24 | 5 | 29 | 40.28% | 43 | 9/1/2017 |
| 404 | ALDEN | 109 | 32 | 35 | 67 | 61.47% | 42 | 8/10/2017 |
| 552 | FREEBORN | 38 | 18 | 6 | 24 | 63.16% | 14 | 8/23/2017 |
| FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS | | 999 | 444 | 67 | 511 | 51.15% | 488 | 9/1/2017 |
| 91 | AUSTIN | 610 | 275 | 2 | 277 | 45.41% | 333 | 9/1/2017 |
| 105 | LYLE | 92 | 9 | 13 | 22 | 23.91% | 70 | 9/1/2017 |
| 140 | GRAND MEADOW | 50 | 17 | 8 | 25 | 50.00% | 25 | 8/23/2017 |
| 146 | ADAMS | 219 | 8 | 78 | 86 | 39.27% | 133 | 8/23/2017 |
| 161 | LEROY | 66 | 20 | 7 | 27 | 40.91% | 39 | 8/10/2017 |
| 570 | AUSTIN SPAM | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 120.00% | -1 | 8/23/2017 |
| MOWER COUNTY TOTALS | | 1042 | 334 | 109 | 443 | 42.51% | 599 | 9/1/2017 |
| AREA FOUR TOTALS | | 2041 | 778 | 176 | 954 | 46.74% | 1087 | 9/1/2017 |
| 1111 | DAKOTA | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 9/1/2017 |
| DISTRICT ONE TOTALS | | 8953 | 3377 | 785 | 4162 | 46.49% | 4791 | 9/1/2017 |

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FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The memberships are coming in pretty slow, don't hold on to them. When you don't send them in and hold on to them you cost the Dist. money or places in the State membership rankings. Even in the different membership contests. So get them in as soon as you can each week,

Our next turn in is the 9th of Sept., at the Legionville Harvest rally, if your not going make sure your memberships get to your Dist. Vice Commanders so they can turn them in. We need to get to 45% real fast so I'll say it again get them turned in. Some of you are still on 1 or 2 members. No one has sent in their renewal in these Post's ?? 'The best way is personal contact not just wait for the mailman so get out there early while the weather is still good.....

FROM YOUR LEGION CHAPLAIN

Why has the Catholic Church traditionally dedicated the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows? The answer is simple: The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows falls right in the middle of the month, on September 15. But how was that date chosen? Because the day before, September 14, is the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross.

Like many of the lesser-known Marian feasts, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows is tied to an event in the life of her Son. On September 14, we celebrate the instrument of Christ's victory over death; and the next day, we remember the suffering of Mary as she stood at the foot of the Cross and witnessed the torture and death of her Son. We are also reminded of Simeon's words to Mary (Luke 2:34-35) at the Presentation of the Lord—that a sword would pierce her soul.

Through these prayers for September, we can unite ourselves to Mary in her sorrow, in the hope that we will one day also share her joy in the triumph of her Son.

Just a little information for September. Gary L. Weaver 1st District Chaplain

FROM YOUR ADJUTANT'S DESK

I have found out by looking for my legion post Articles of Incorporation that many years ago documents were stored anywhere that was handy. I found out that our Articles of Incorporation were filed in 1938 at the Mower County register's office. There was a small piece of paper folded up and stuck inside a check book register from the 1940's., on that piece of paper it was written where they were. This goes to show you that you need to check old files carefully because you never know what you will find. - Post 161 Adjutant - Wayne Hammon Jr

FROM YOUR PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

We have a couple of great opportunities coming in the month of September to use your public relations.

One is Patriot Day, September 11, 2017, there is a sample proclamation which you can print off or make up your own and have your city mayor sign it and have it put into your local newspaper along with what your post is doing in your community to commemorate that day.

The second one is September 16, 2017 which is The American Legion Day. On the following page you will find a sample of a community proclamation that you could print off or make up your own, fill in the blanks and have it put in your local paper so your legionnaires can get recognized for the work they do for your community.

If you need either one of the proclamations sent to you as a word document send me an e-mail and I will send you one.

Always remember that if we "Do not blow our own horn, no one else will" statement. Also remember that while we are out in public our behavior reflects back on your legion post and it's appearance to the local community and prospective new members.

Public Relations Chairman - Wayne Hammon Jr

COMMUNITY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 on September 16th as a wartime organization based on The Four Pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security & Foreign Relations, Americanism and Children & Youth; and

WHEREAS, over the years The American Legion has become a preeminent community – service organization which now numbers more than two million members – men and women – in over 14,000 American Legion Posts worldwide working a variety of programs that support the Four Pillars and benefit our nation’s veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the American Legion are dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, while working to make a difference in the lives of fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 observance of American Legion Day provides an opportunity to recognize Legionaries in our community for their many contributions to our community of _____, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I _____ Mayor of the city of _____, Minnesota do hereby proclaim September 16, 2017 as

THE AMERICAN LEGION DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

_____ Mayor

PATRIOT DAY PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, the United States of America was brutally attacked on our own soil on September 11, 2001 through a senseless and cowardly act of terrorism; and*

***WHEREAS**, innocent people were killed and injured and our citizenry threatened as a result of these horrific acts; and*

***WHEREAS**, the death and destruction did not weaken the spirit of the American people, but instead, it united our citizenry and resulted in public and private expressions of heroism, compassion and patriotism; and*

***WHEREAS**, we salute those who responded to the tragic events with their courage and selfless determination, resources and skill and in some instances, their lives;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor of the City of _____, MN proclaims September 11, 20____ as a day to remember and reflect on the tragedies that occurred _____ years ago; and that the citizens of _____, MN in honor of the individual and collective victims of September 11, observe a moment of silence at 12:00 noon on September 11; and be it further*

***RESOLVED**, that we proudly proclaim the liberties, freedoms and privileges that we, as citizens of the United States have been granted; and be it further and finally*

***RESOLVED**, that we preserve democracy as it exists in this great nation and that we stand strong together in our commitment to end terrorism; and that we let not the losses our country suffered on September 11 be in vain, but rather that we dedicate our time, talents and energy to the service of our country and of each other in hopes of creating the “stronger, more perfect union” envisioned by our nation’s founders.*

Signed this _____ day of September 20_____.

Mayor

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 a 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 3, 2018 - First District Jr Conference at LeRoy Community Center, LeRoy, MN starting at 9 AM (tentative)

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.)

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.

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Notice - All Auxiliary Members

You will be receiving a packet of mailing labels this Fall. It is a Department fundraiser for Minnesota. Please support this project - it is not a hoax.

The mailing will come from Victory 360, Baltimore, MD

Thank you in advance ~

Secretary Sandie

Heart and Neck Pillows (firm please) Needed at Minneapolis VAHCS

SEPTEMBER IS JUNIOR ACTIVITIES MONTH

2017-2018 Mission Training and Junior Meeting Dates:

Minneapolis, Minnesota - October 21, 2017

The Junior Activities Program inspires active participation in members age 17 and under so that they will become engaged, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood. What is your Unit doing to increase Junior membership in your community?

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Greetings to our ALA 1st District Family,
August was a busy month with a couple of big meetings held for our District. First was the Department Executive Board meeting which was held in Willmar. There, each District President's projects were approved. Here are my and Department President Donna Arend's theme's and projects:

Department President Donna:

Theme: Lighting the Paths of Veterans

Symbol: Lighthouse

Projects: Raising \$25,000 for MN Veterans Homes

Special Addition....Dept. Pres. Donna is also collecting the small LED flashlights (the ones you get at like the Dollar Stores or checkout counters).

Please bring these to District rallies, and we will get them to the Department for President Donna

1st District President Cheryl:

Theme: Fluttering For Freedom, Got Freedom?.....Thank a Veteran

Symbol: Butterfly

Projects: \$5,000 split between Hastings Veterans Home Greenhouse &

Project New Hope (a program providing free 3-day retreat camping for veterans with PTSD and their families with counseling sessions, financial sessions, discussion on programs available to veterans, children time, family time).

I am more than happy to come and visit your Unit during one of your meet-

If you ever have any questions about the auxiliary, it's programs, or anything about the Legion Family, please don't hesitate to ask. If I don't know the answer, I will find it out for you!

I am fresh off the trip to Reno for National Convention. My thanks to the District for providing financial assistance for me to attend this wonderful learning experience. I am excited to share with you some of the news of the happenings at my first ALA National Convention.

One of the most beneficial parts of the Convention was the Keynote Speaker on Monday. Air Force Veteran Timothy Eernisse gave an outstanding presentation titled 'What's Your Why?' That is exactly the point....what is our why for being a member of the Auxiliary? His words made a lot of sense as he talked about the 'Golden Circle' of what we do. The outer circle is the 'what' we do – the outcome, the circle inside that is our 'how', and the innermost circle is the 'why'. Why to we do what we do, and why do we have projects, events, etc.? By delving into our why we begin to share our own stories. We can do this as we approach new members too. "Wear your story on your sleeve," he said, talk to prospective members sharing your own story with them, which then can excite them to share their story, and will more than likely encourage them to become members, sharing a passion to help our veterans and currently serving service members. It's also not just enough to share your story and have them come into the Unit, but practice some radical hospitality....introduce them to the other members at a Unit meeting, make sure they know the 'ins and outs' of the Unit, etc. That was probably my biggest take-away from the convention. But, there were other enjoyable and learning moments as well.

As committee reports were given, ideas were talked about and splashed on the big screens, so here's a few of those ideas which can be tried and tailored to your own Unit:

- ◇ Present Good Deed Awards to youth
- ◇ Have a Military Child Table Setting Ceremony
- ◇ Present Youth Hero Awards
- ◇ Implement Star Spangled Kids
- ◇ Implement an Anti-bully program at your school (Angels & Doves)
- ◇ Have Military Children share their stories
- ◇ Books Aloud Youth Program (patriotic books to school/public libraries)
- ◇ Fundraising Ideas for Unit Meetings
 - Ask for \$1 from members at meetings
 - Wear a funny hat to meeting & charge minimally to vote on funniest
 - Administer different challenges to members
 - Have a spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast, burger night, steak night, etc.
 - Have a Bingo night
 - Apply for Grants from the ALA Foundation (find more info on their website)
 - ALAFoundation@ALAforVeterans.org
- Partner with other organizations (Lions Club, VFW, Elks Club) to share costs of event
- Make meetings interesting with an in process project – pocket flags, tie quilts, etc.
- Have a POW-MIA Ceremony with High School students
- Make Compassion Mats
- Sponsor a Scholastic Book Club purchase for children
- Talk to school nurse – see what's needed (shoes, socks, sweats, etc.)
- Supply funds for shortage from families in a school lunch program
- Help with backpacks for kids programs (meals go home with students on weekends)

As you may have already heard, during the business portion of the convention, approved was a National dues increase of \$3.00 which will begin on 2019. So, now might be a good time to start discussion of this at the Unit level. This resolution was actually split in two. The other resolution would have allowed the National Executive Committee to increase dues up to 4% if needed; however, that resolution did not pass.

Other exciting and memorable times at National Convention included the following:

National Convention Parade in downtown Reno

Most members of 1st District were able to sneak in a meal together at a steakhouse.

Line Dancing lessons at the Minnesota Party & Dinner

Neal McCoy entertaining at the Commander's Dinner

Commander's Dinner, Woman of the Year Luncheon, States Dinner (meals memorable because the food actually wasn't the tastiest) – but fellowship was awesome!

The Peppermill Resort and Hotel was amazing with multiple pools and hot tubs

Ask Sy about the Mustang Ranch (LOL)

Spending time with MN members and meeting 'new friends'

Listening to President Trump and his wonderful message; as well as witnessing the historic event of him signing a Bill at the National Convention which will enable a smoother process for Veterans to appeal their disability rating.

Next years' National Convention is being held in Minneapolis, and I would strongly encourage all to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the recap of all the outstanding work ALA does for our veterans!!! If you have any questions whether it's about the National Convention or other things, please feel free to contact me.

I was honored to be part of the Millville River Valley Days Parade, and the St. Charles Gladiolus Days Parade, and look forward to the Kellogg Watermelon Festival Days Parade on September 10th. Thank you to all for the invites so far this year, I've been enjoying them immensely.

Remember, you can turn in membership at any time. The 48th Annual Legionville CAMP-O-REE is September 7th – 10th. The 1st District have a Steak Fr Dinner on that Thursday night the 7th. I will be attending on Thursday and Friday. **The first District Rally will be held on Saturday September 23rd in Preston**, the fun time will begin at 2pm with a tour of the MN State Veterans Cemetery. Membership turn in will be at 4pm.

As the summer sun fades away, and Autumn comes our way, here's wishing you enjoy beautiful and happy days filled with peace and relaxation. Labor Day differs from every other holiday in that it does not honor a specific person, group, or event, but rather it recognizes the achievements and contributions of the American workforce for strengthening the prosperity and well-being of our nation. For military families, however, Labor Day and similar holidays often provide a poignant reminder of the separation between them and their loved ones serving the nation in the armed forces, deployed abroad or on the home front. We want to thank those families, as well as our veterans families for their sacrifice and the service of their loved ones. When those loved ones return from duty and are unable to find work after their military service, it becomes a problem of epic proportions, adding strain and drama to family-focused activities like Labor Day. So this Labor Day, while enjoying barbeques and parades, let's remember the soldiers and

veterans who have guaranteed our freedoms by keeping them in our prayers. I wish that this upcoming month brings you much joy, love and inspirational moments in your life!

Cheryl Nymann,
District 1 President

ADDITION:

How can we help ALA Members affected by Hurricane Harvey? National Headquarters came out with this release.....

How to help: The best way to help is to donate to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). ALA NHQ is prepared to expedite the many AEF applications which we expect will start coming in once the 500-year flooding starts to subside. The fastest and easiest way to donate to AEF is to use your smartphone, tablet or personal computer and go online at www.ALAforVeterans.org. Click the "Donate" icon on the home page and follow the simple instructions. It's safe, fast, and secure. Also, anyone can call ALA NHQ at [317-569-4500](tel:317-569-4500) and make a donation over the phone or mail a donation.

Also, members can contact the departments of Texas or Louisiana directly to find out other ways they can help with those departments' emergency assistance efforts and programs.

FYI: Several have asked about donating via Facebook and text donating. Prior to Convention, we were looking into adding a "Donate" button on the ALA National Facebook page. That is in the process and will soon be in place. The ALA National Facebook page "Donate" button will take you directly to the ALA National website donation page where donors can select the fund to which they want to donate and make a donation online, safely and securely.

We don't and won't be doing text message donating. ALA National researched, and we do not use "giving by text messaging" for 2 reasons: cost and security. The cost for setting up a text donation service for a specific disaster or event is nearly \$1K, plus close to 10% of every donation would be deducted by the text donation service to pay its mandatory transaction fees. So, of a \$40 texted donation, only about \$37 would go to the ALA. Donate online: 100%, the entire \$40, goes to the ALA. Remember, you can donate online directly through the ALA national website using your smartphone, tablet, or personal computer.

Also, ALA NHQ recently achieved Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) Compliance. ALA NHQ is now PCI Compliant which means that ALA NHQ adheres to the credit card industry's national set of policies and procedures to protect credit, debit, and cash card transactions and prevent the misuse of cardholders' personal information. Text messages are not considered PCI Compliant due to lack of encryption and the method by which data is conveyed not being secure. By texting a donation, personal information could easily be compromised.

The [American Institute of Philanthropy](#) has warned of the pitfalls to giving via cell phone text messaging, including that text donation service providers charge fees and take cuts from the donations, that many wireless carriers charge their customers per-text fees, and that it can take up to 120 days for a charity to actually receive the funds from a texted donation. The watchdog group cautions: "A charity will generally receive your donation faster if you donate directly to the charity online using its secure website or mail a check to the charity." Also, be aware that scammers often take advantage of natural disasters by posing as legitimate charities.

About members in the paths of Hurricane Harvey: Remember, most in the worst affected areas are without internet and therefore not reachable by email or land lines, plus, cell phone batteries are running out for the many without power. I have not heard from or about anyone else in Texas or Louisiana besides those mentioned below. It may be some time before we start to get other news.

Texas: ALA PNP Katherine Morris and John are safe with their family and doing fine after a tree stormed into a bedroom in their home. No one was hurt, and thankfully her family, including daughter Dept Pres Donna Dillard, were close and able to get to them. ALA PNP Carlene Ashworth is without power but doing fine and luckily, within about a half inch of rising flood water, still in her own home in a part of the Houston area that has received over 50 inches of rain so far. Carlene shared that many ALA members have been displaced by the flooding, including Mary Waddell who many of you know.

Louisiana: ALA PNP Syble Deshotel said she is safe and doing fine. ALA LA Dept Secretary Juliana Roberson has no reports so far of any ALA members in extreme danger. One of the department officers is in the same Lake Charles unit as Syble, so the Dept LA should receive any news in a timely manner.

National President Diane and all of us at ALA NHQ thank you for caring and holding our displaced members in your thoughts and prayers. Your support for and service to the American Legion Auxiliary is greatly appreciated!



St. Charles Gladiolus Day parade fun with back row: Scotty Ihrke (1st District Area 1 VP), Jill Mueller (St. Charles Unit President); front row, District 1 President Cheryl Nymann, and converti-



President Trump signing bill which will make it easier for veterans to appeal their disability rating at the American Legion National Convention in Reno, NV.



MN in National Parade, Reno, NV.



Most of the 1st District members in attendance at National Convention were able to sneak in a dinner together at a steakhouse, and posed for a photo after the dinner

FROM YOUR HONORY JUNIOR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

JOHANNA (JO JO) WELTER



Greetings First District,

My name is Johanna (JoJo) Welter. I am the First District Honorary Junior Auxiliary President. My project is making patriotic fleece tie blankets for soldiers overseas. I am doing this project through Soldiers Wings South East Minnesota. I have already made & shipped 24 blankets. I received a wonderful Thank You from the troops in Poland.

I am adding a twist to my blanket project. If you know a veteran within the First District that you would like to nominate to receive a patriotic tie blanket, please send your nomination to me at, welterbunch@yahoo.com (in the subject line put) Tie Blanket Or you can call me at 507-533-9434. (Approximate size is 60" x 72") Include your name, who and why you are nominating them, branch of service they served and your contact information.

May God continue to bless the USA!
JoJo Welter

A reminder to All Units of 1st District (President/Treasurer)

As you know, the American Legion Auxiliary is a membership organization. Our budgets are set on membership. Per capita is what allows the District to meet their obligations.

Every year we lose members. Why?? This is not all due to death. We need to Renew-Recruit-Rejoin members. I'm sure that each of you know one person that is eligible for membership in our auxiliary. Do not hesitate to ask them to join.

Membership chairman Michelle is hoping to get the 1st District back on top. If we all work together, great things can be accomplished.

Enclosed in this mailing is a listing of your UNITS per capita for 2017-2018. Your per capita is based on your membership as of July 31, 2017. (Membership x \$2) On this same sheet, you will note every Unit has District Junior dues of \$10.00.

Please mail your per capita and district junior dues to me, NOT the Department. Let's get this done early this year. Some units wait until April. It then becomes crunch time as the books get audited in early May so as to have a preliminary report for District Convention.

Your donation to the District Presidents project, Honorary Junior Presidents project, memorials, etc, should be mailed to me also.

Make your check out to the First District ALA (American Legion Auxiliary).

Please mail to me, 1st District Treasurer, at the following address:

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| Audrey Farnsworth | email: harlee@charter.net |
| 302 First St. E. | Phone – 507-533-4454 |
| Stewartville, MN 55976 | Cell – 507-226-2992 |

It is my hope that all Units from the 1st District have filed the Form 990-N with the IRS (for tax-exempt status). Your Unit President/Treasurer should be aware that this is filed annually. All Units in the Department of Minnesota have to file this form. Let's get the checks in the mail and meet our obligations early. Let's make President Cheryl and the First District proud of our great organization!

Tidbits from the Treasurer-----

To all Units in First District – this is an annual fee for each unit.

This is the per capita amount for 2017-2018. The per Capita increased this year to \$2/per member. Every unit has an annual \$10.00 District Junior Fee also. Please double check to make sure my math is correct. These are the monies that the 1st District operates on for the year. ***This will only be printed this mailing – so, please keep for future reference and inform your unit treasurer.***

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Per Capita</u> | <u>Jr. Dues</u> | <u>Total Members</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adams | \$276 | \$10.00 | 138 |
| Albert Lea | \$658 | \$10.00 | 329 |
| Alden | \$88 | \$10.00 | 44 |
| Austin | \$286 | \$10.00 | 143 |
| Blooming Prairie | \$230 | \$10.00 | 115 |
| Byron | \$180 | \$10.00 | 90 |
| Caledonia | \$152 | \$10.00 | 76 |
| Chatfield | \$78 | \$10.00 | 39 |
| Claremont | \$42 | \$10.00 | 21 |
| Dodge Center | \$152 | \$10.00 | 76 |
| Elgin | \$36 | \$10.00 | 18 |
| Emmons | \$52 | \$10.00 | 26 |
| Eyota | \$200 | \$10.00 | 100 |
| Freeborn | \$126 | \$10.00 | 63 |
| Glenville | \$216 | \$10.00 | 108 |
| Grand Meadow | \$144 | \$10.00 | 72 |
| Harmony | \$108 | \$10.00 | 54 |
| Hayfield | \$386 | \$10.00 | 193 |
| Hokah | \$38 | \$10.00 | 19 |

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|---------------|-------|---------|-----|
| Houston | \$276 | \$10.00 | 138 |
| Janesville | \$104 | \$10.00 | 52 |
| Kasson | \$290 | \$10.00 | 145 |
| Kellogg | \$260 | \$10.00 | 130 |
| LaCrescent | \$450 | \$10.00 | 225 |
| Lake City | \$156 | \$10.00 | 78 |
| Lanesboro | \$190 | \$10.00 | 95 |
| Leroy | \$102 | \$10.00 | 51 |
| Lewiston | \$74 | \$10.00 | 37 |
| Lyle | \$90 | \$10.00 | 45 |
| Mabel | \$270 | \$10.00 | 135 |
| Mazeppa | \$84 | \$10.00 | 42 |
| Millville | \$86 | \$10.00 | 43 |
| New Richland | \$120 | \$10.00 | 60 |
| Ostrander | \$30 | \$10.00 | 15 |
| Owatonna | \$246 | \$10.00 | 123 |
| Peterson | \$74 | \$10.00 | 37 |
| Plainview | \$354 | \$10.00 | 177 |
| Rochester | \$348 | \$10.00 | 174 |
| Rushford | \$150 | \$10.00 | 75 |
| Spring Grove | \$258 | \$10.00 | 129 |
| Spring Valley | \$88 | \$10.00 | 44 |
| St. Charles | \$130 | \$10.00 | 65 |
| Stewartville | \$350 | \$10.00 | 175 |
| Wabasha | \$260 | \$10.00 | 130 |

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Greetings fellow family members!

Summer is about done, the nights are getting cooler, but... Membership it's hearing up!

Who will our first squadron be, to hit 100%? The invitation is out there for camporee. The SAL is now responsible for most of the volunteer opportunities. And I am in charge of the canteen this year. I am looking for volunteers to help grill and work the counter. Just shoot me a call, text, or email if you would like to help. Camporee is an amazing time, and I would like to see more first district family members involved.

There was some confusion again this year with packets... So if you haven't received your squadrons yet, just let me know.

How many dual members do you have signed up yet?

Our new national Commander Rohan has an award when the family of a post hits 100%. What easier way is it, then talking about dual membership?

Remember Talk!

See you all in Preston for our first rally, and tour of the cemetery.

Commander Dave

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.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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Greetings,

This year was a great year for the American Legion Riders with the donation that was brought in for the Legacy Scholarship Program. The Department brought in \$200,000 to the National Convention on Tuesday, August 22nd. The First District American Legion Riders brought in a large contribution to this cause as well. Great work to all that participated and donated to this cause.

It was also nice to see so many First District members greeting the riders at the close of the first weekend for the Legacy ride for the Department.

There will be a fall meeting on Saturday, October 7th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in Plainview American Legion Post. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the First District American Legion Family Fall Rally. All are welcome to attend the rally. There are some tentative plans to have a ride after the meeting. There will be more information to follow.

On September 7 to 10, 2017 there will be a Department Camp-O-Ree at Legionville in Brainerd. Every member of the American Legion is invited.

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



STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
MINNESOTA VETERANS HOME - HASTINGS



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September 1, 2017

Dear Friends of the Hastings Veterans Home,

I would like to let you know some of the wonderful things that have happened this past year. First we completed a wonderful greenhouse, replaced the 20 plus year old chairs in our dayrooms, and are now waiting for the delivery of our new bus. Mostly though we have expanded our social workers' small groups that have been amazing to watch. With the help of a golf cart donated by the DAV and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon groups these groups are now utilizing our beautiful trail system and bringing our vets out into the outdoors for sessions and counselling. Our reintegration program is in full swing. We have funding for the first three veterans and Jamie has found wonderful business owners to partner with for this critical program. We were blessed with some very large donated items that have improved our recreation programs also. Thank you to those unnamed angels.

Last year we adopted every one of our veterans to wonderful groups and individuals. They each had gifts to unwrap and the smiles were amazing to see. We were also blessed to have over 70 volunteers come into our Home on the first Friday of December and help us decorate the Home. These two programs are going to happen again this year ☺. With your help we will be able to make this the best Christmas and Hanukkah ever. We are writing early so you have time to make plans. The programs are outlined on the next page. Thank you so much for considering these two programs. We are truly blessed by your past kindness and thankful for any help you can give.

Let me know if you would like me to come and talk to your group before the holiday season. I can do it on the phone or in person. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Sue Register

Hastings Veterans Home

651-539-2442 or 651-212-8812

Susan.register@state.mn.us

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This document is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY)

Adopt a Vet
Hastings Veterans Home

We give you a first name, branch of service, and size or hobby

You shop and wrap the gifts. No weapons or alcohol based items please

Bring items labeled with the vet's name to Hastings by December 11th

We will have groups out west and south who will help with transportation. Please don't waste money on mailing them.

There is no limit to what to spend but please think modest in range.

Contact me if you have any questions. We are sending this out early to give you time to work with your organizations and friends. Please let me know as soon as you can with numbers of vets you would like to adopt. Sometimes a few is better than a bunch so they can each be treated as individuals. Gift cards are welcomed too but we would like at least one gift wrapped so they have something to open. Gift cards for our local area are best. I can give you a list if you desire.

If your group has more funds and would like to help out more, we are always looking for \$10 gift cards to use for motivation and rewards for weight loss, stopping smoking, exercise programs, and more. These are a great way for us to treat those working hard to improve their lives. We do also have transitioning Veterans who may need a bit of extra help as they move out of our Home into the community. I try to find \$50 Walmart cards for each of them to buy supplies and such.

Again, thank you for considering the Hastings Veterans Home in your holiday planning. We love our vets.

Sincerely,

Sue Register

651-539-2442

Trim the Tree

When: December 1, 2017

6:30-8:00

Where: Hastings Veterans Home Gym

We will gather together this year in the gym. We will have many decorations to choose from but you may bring your own too.

At that time you will be given an area or tree to decorate. Please involve the veterans in your area. Sit in our new dayroom chairs, and have fun. You may sing any songs you want. You can bring any treats you want. Just come and have fun with us.

After you are done, feel free to come back to the gym and join others to complete the decorating of the gym. There we will have coffee, and more treats to share. Music will be going on in the gym and also Daniels coffee shop. If you have those who like to sing, play piano or other musical instruments, they all will be welcomed. We have a key board in the lobby as well as in the chapel. We will have a sing-a-long in the gym as we conclude our decorating.

Cost to you? Only your time a few homemade treats and the gas to get to the Home.

Benefit to us.....priceless.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THIS PAGE AND ALSO PAGES 25 AND 26. THESE ALL HAVE TO DO WITH CHRISTMAS PROJECTS FOR THE HASTINGS VETERAN HOME.



SAL Scrambled Egg Breakfast

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Serving: 9:00AM-1:00PM
American Legion Post #132

New Ulm

Scrambled Eggs made from Farm Fresh
Eggs

Hand-Made Sausage Patties

Breakfast Potatoes

Muffins

Adults \$7.00 Under 5 - Free

Proceeds To Benefit Local Programs

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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