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IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 6 - 8, 2018 - Camporee at Legionville.

Sept 8, 2018 - Department Harvest Rally at Legionville.

September 11, 2018 - Patriot Day

September 17, 2018 - Constitution Day

Sept 22, 2018 - Area two rally National Security Rally at Kasson Post 333. Game and social time at 2 pm with the informational and motivation rally at 4pm.

October 6, 2018 - District Fall Conference, 9:00 AM Evoc Boards, rally at 10:00 AM at Post 299, Mabel, MN

October 13, 2018 - 1st and 3rd District Workshop at Le Center American Legion Post 108, Le Center, MN from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. All District Vice Commander's, County Commanders, District Membership Directors and any post officers are welcome to come and share any ideas that you have to help with membership.

October 26 & 27, 2018 - The Department Fall Conference at Marshall, MN

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FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S DESK

Dist. 1 A.L. Family:

First if anyone ever needs to have a parade indoors contact the American Legion because they really know how to put one on. It was a great parade for being inside the convention hall (hall ways). In total the whole conv. was very good, don't know how many were there, but seemed to be a good group. VP.Pence was there the last day, that was also a good speech. (But late arrival as always for government) Dist. 1 was well represented, and if Commander Mike didn't get his 1000 flags for the parade then he came close I lost count....

As some of you all ready know the Minn. Riders again were tops in turn in for the Legacy Run with \$251,000. Now that was a great turn in!!!!!!! They should give a plaque for the best turnin, Minn. would have a wall full.

The next thing on the agenda is the Camp-O-Ree in Legionville, Sept. 6-9, with the 1st Dist. Steak night the 6th. Sy Fix will be in charge as Jim Kellogg will not be there. Going to see if I can get there early enough to help on the prep part, know will help serve the meal.

The first rally for us will be at Kasson on Sept. 22, 2018, so as we start the new membership turn ins,. let's really have a great turn in, Area 2 Vice Commander Dale Welik, will be in charge as I will be in the Army at Camp Ripley as Part of the organizational meeting for National Security/ Foreign Relations Committee.

Keep in mind that the Fall Dis. Rally will be in Mable on Oct. 6th with an EX-Board meeting stating at 09:00, and the Dept. Fall Rally will be in Marshall on Oct. 26-27th.. We will also be having a membership meeting on Oct. 13th with our sister Dist. 3, with the Dist. Commanders, Dist. Membership Directors, Area Vice Commanders and any Post Commanders or Post Membership Dir. that would like to come. It will be at the Le Center Post 108 from 13:00 to 15:00 (for you Navy guys that's 1-3 no bells) Right now we are at 43.20% (Aug. 29th) and looks like we are in ninth place, only one Dist. with less than us, that's not the 1st's

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

As for addressing veteran legislation at the UVLC update meeting heard 4th District Congresswoman Betty McCollum summarized the 48 veteran related bills she authored or co-authored. The MN Veterans Administration summarized 16 key veterans bills passed in 2018 at the State Capital.

As for the MAG updates, the MN House Veterans Affairs Committee heard 29 bills signed by the governor in 2017, and 14 bills signed by the governor in 2018. The net receipts gambling tax bill HF 226 is still active and will be resubmitted for 2019.

There is lobbying for re-introduction on a Veterans ONLY omnibus bill to allow more veterans legislation to pass vs getting rejected inside other bills. There will be more discussions and funding proposals to address the increased homelessness in female veterans, and senior veterans who are losing their homes due to increasing financial burdens. Also there is a grass roots efforts to introduce programs to get veterans into agriculture and farming.

Respectively submitted

Andru Peters
District One Legislative Chairman

FROM AREA ONE

AREA ONE – For the month of August attended a number of committee meetings, namely, Military Action Group (MAG) at the state office building; the United Veterans Legislative Council (UVLC) at the VA Minneapolis campus, and also the MN Department membership meeting at Anoka Post #102. Did appear before the Lake City council and presented and had adopted a proclamation designating Lake City as a Purple Heart City. Also attend the American Legion national convention in Minneapolis attending information sessions and visiting the exhibit area. For Post visits, did attend the Lewiston Post #90 regular meeting and heard their concerns on tax law changes regarding the gambling revenue concerns and what are the latest changes, and inquiring how they should address and overcome potential issues.

Andru Peters - Area One Vice Commander

FROM AREA TWO

Greetings from Area Two

The summer is almost over. The National Convention is over and what a great get together that was. There was Color Guard and Band competition from all over the nation. The first Minnesota indoor parade high school and Legion bands and units from the entire Nation very nice!!

This last Thursday night was military appreciation night at the Triton football game at half time. Color Guard and many Veterans and active duty military were honored.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the rally at the Kasson American Legion on September 22 from 2-5 PM.

Labor Day at 1:00 is the dedication of the Freedom Rock at the Kasson American Legion. Music and food, 12:00-5:00, free will offering. Bar opening at 11:00. Bring a chair.

God.Bless America. Keep our Troops all over the world safe
Vice Commander

FROM AREA THREE

Hi there, hoping that this finds all. Summer is winding down rapidly, the Convention is past, and we are on our 2019 year. The heady good feelings connecting with our comrades and strengthening our network are ongoing. We can and will be successful, but it takes the entire team on the field to do it. We should each strive to be the best American Legion family members that we can be. September is Natural Disaster Preparedness month, which is an excellent opportunity for Posts to connect with emergency services, and strengthen ourselves and communities under Pillar 2, which is National Security. September 11 is Patriot Day, and September 16 is American Legion Day, celebrates anniversary of our charter. September 17, is Constitution Day. Post Historians and Chaplains as the support staff, your jobs are just as important as command/ membership. This being our Centennial year, it is an opportunity to excel. We all volunteered to be members of our organization, this year can be the beginning of the Renaissance of the American Legion. We are available to assist you in being successful, and I would clarify that we are not mind-readers, you all need to be active in communications. The Officers Manual has lots of good information, read it and see the updates. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

For God and Country, Ralph Schneekloth, Area 3 Vice Commander

FROM AREA FOUR

Welcome Brothers and Sisters,

Post 91 hosted the Legion Riders on their Legacy Ride. There was over 350 Riders who were fed a roasted pig. Everyone enjoyed the evening of food and song with multiple entertainers. The visit was capped off with a wreath being placed on Jay Hormel's grave in honor for his work in getting Post 91 and Spam Post started.

Our 100th anniversary was a success being held in the same city as the first convention. Keep on celebrating all year long by working our programs in honor of all those who have gone before.

Have a safe Labor Day weekend and remember to thank a veteran.

Area 4 Vice Commander, Rollie Hanson

FROM YOUR LEGION CHAPLAIN

September 1, 2018

Greetings 1st District Legionnaires,

In the first few months as your new Chaplain, I've met a lot of new people, new faces and am beginning to put names to those faces. I like to say, "I have a good memory. It's just really short!" So, forgive me if I don't recall your name.

As I write this article, we will have had our state convention and are ready to host the National Convention. I would like to ask that we uphold in prayer the new officers—local, district, state and national as they go about the work that we have entrusted to them.

While sitting at the state convention in Rochester, I couldn't help but look around at the veterans gathered there. We weren't the 18-20 year olds that served so many years ago. We, somehow, have aged! My mind still tells me I'm that 19 year old who joined the Army, but my body makes me out a liar. Even as we have all aged, we continue to serve our God and our Country, in ways that are sometimes seen and other times unseen. The important part is that we do the work put before us, be it in the Legion, our church, Lions Club, or any other service organization where we commit time and effort with integrity and grit. Serving is a hallmark of a Legionnaire. It is what we are called to do and we do it well.

God commands us in 1Timothy 6 "to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." This not only applies to our money, but also, to our time and talents.

As Legion members and Americans we need to cultivate an attitude of gratitude for God's generous hand that blesses us here in The United States of America.

For God and Country,

Larry H. Otto

1st District Chaplain

Area 3 Vice Commander Ralph Schneekloth
at the podium during the Memorial Service at
the National Convention of the American
Legion in Minneapolis, MN



First District 2019 membership report for 8/29/2018 Bulletin # 9

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	573	282	0	282	49.21%	291	8/24/2018
90	LEWISTON	72	34	0	34	47.22%	38	8/24/2018
190	ST CHARLES	146	68	0	68	46.58%	78	8/24/2018
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		791	384	0	384	48.55%	407	
50	WABASHA	230	80	0	80	34.78%	150	8/24/2018
110	LAKE CITY	144	79	0	79	54.86%	65	8/24/2018
179	PLAINVIEW	186	84	2	86	46.24%	100	8/29/2018
546	KELLOGG	67	25	0	25	37.31%	42	8/15/2018
573	ELGIN	32	5	0	5	15.63%	27	8/1/2018
579	MILLVILLE	145	85	13	98	67.59%	47	8/29/2018
588	MAZEPPA	74	36	0	36	48.65%	38	8/15/2018
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		878	394	15	409	46.58%	469	
92	ROCHESTER	938	398	0	398	42.43%	540	8/24/2018
119	BYRON	150	60	0	60	40.00%	90	8/24/2018
164	STEWARTVILLE	290	136	15	151	52.07%	139	8/29/2018
446	ROCHESTER	18	8	0	8	44.44%	10	8/1/2018
551	EYOTA	184	83	0	83	45.11%	101	8/24/2018
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1580	685	15	700	44.30%	880	
AREA ONE TOTALS		3249	1463	30	1493	45.95%	1756	
295	WEST CONCORD	60	20	0	20	33.33%	40	8/8/2018
330	HAYFIELD	215	98	0	98	45.58%	117	8/15/2018
333	KASSON	260	143	0	143	55.00%	117	8/15/2018
384	DODGE CENTER	81	26	0	26	32.10%	55	8/1/2018
422	CLAREMONT	32	17	1	18	56.25%	14	8/29/2018
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		648	304	1	305	47.07%	343	
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	107	47	0	47	43.93%	60	8/24/2018
77	OWATONNA	510	244	0	244	47.84%	266	8/24/2018
296	ELLENDALE	34	2	22	24	70.59%	10	8/29/2018
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		651	293	22	315	48.39%	336	
75	NEW RICHLAND	54	1	0	1	1.85%	53	8/1/2018
228	WASECA	320	178	0	178	55.63%	142	8/24/2018
281	JANESVILLE	99	48	0	48	48.48%	51	8/24/2018
587	WALDORF	25	2	0	2	8.00%	23	8/24/2018
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		498	229	0	229	45.98%	269	
AREA TWO TOTALS		1797	826	23	849	47.25%	948	
40	LANESBORO	106	38	0	38	35.85%	68	8/24/2018
68	SPRING VALLEY	82	42	0	42	51.22%	40	8/15/2018
81	HARMONY	34	14	0	14	41.18%	20	8/15/2018
94	RUSHFORD	121	51	0	51	42.15%	70	8/24/2018
166	PRESTON	68	33	0	33	48.53%	35	8/24/2018
197	CHATFIELD	51	37	0	37	72.55%	14	8/8/2018
299	MABEL	177	25	0	25	14.12%	152	8/24/2018
369	WYKOFF	19	11	0	11	57.89%	8	8/8/2018
400	CANTON	13	8	0	8	61.54%	5	8/1/2018

492	FOUNTAIN	16	10	0	10	62.50%	6	8/24/2018
526	PETERSON	39	21	0	21	53.85%	18	8/24/2018
544	OSTRANDER	28	11	0	11	39.29%	17	8/24/2018
637	WHALEN	14	12	0	12	85.71%	2	8/15/2018
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS		768	313	0	313	40.76%	455	
191	CALEDONIA	164	6	0	6	3.66%	158	8/24/2018
249	SPRING GROVE	159	48	0	48	30.19%	111	8/15/2018
423	HOUSTON	116	46	3	49	42.24%	67	8/29/2018
498	HOKAH	21	12	0	12	57.14%	9	8/1/2018
595	LA CRESCENT	320	82	0	82	25.63%	238	8/24/2018
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS		780	194	3	197	25.26%	583	
AREA THREE TOTALS		1548	507	3	510	32.95%	1038	
56	ALBERT LEA	627	326	8	334	53.27%	293	8/29/2018
264	GLENVILLE	82	25	0	25	30.49%	57	8/24/2018
266	HARTLAND	16	1	0	1	6.25%	15	8/1/2018
317	EMMONS	63	27	0	27	42.86%	36	8/24/2018
404	ALDEN	113	51	0	51	45.13%	62	8/24/2018
552	FREEBORN	39	12	9	21	53.85%	18	8/29/2018
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS		940	442	17	459	48.83%	481	
91	AUSTIN	547	226	8	234	42.78%	313	8/29/2018
105	LYLE	90	26	0	26	28.89%	64	8/24/2018
140	GRAND MEADOW	49	18	0	18	36.73%	31	8/1/2018
146	ADAMS	214	44	35	79	36.92%	135	8/29/2018
161	LEROY	62	25	1	26	41.94%	36	8/29/2018
570	AUSTIN SPAM	7	7	1	8	114.29%	-1	8/29/2018
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		969	346	45	391	40.35%	578	
AREA FOUR TOTALS		1909	788	62	850	44.53%	1059	
1111	DAKOTA	50	0	0	0	0.00%	0	8/1/2018
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		8553	3584	118	3702	43.28%	4851	

AREA	VICE	COMMANDERS							
AREA ONE			3365	1463	30	1493	44.37%	1872	8/29/2018
AREA TWO			1915	826	23	849	44.33%	1066	8/29/2018
AREA THREE			1581	507	3	510	32.26%	1071	8/29/2018
AREA FOUR			2041	788	62	850	41.65%	1191	8/29/2018

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hello to the First District

We have had a great start to membership this year! Lets keep the momentum Growing.

Our District goal this year is 8,553 and we are currently at 43.28%

My personal Goal is 9,000 and we are at 41.13% now I know that is a big goal but it is time we try to stop the slide and head back the direction we need to go.

MN MEMBERS ON THE STAGE AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION



Chuck Kruger—First District



Bill Goede—First District



2017 –2018 Department of Minnesota receiving their membership award.



Minnesota ALR getting their picture taken after presenting a check for \$251,000 to the National Commander



Overhead hall A of the Minneapolis Convention Center



Part of the Minnesota parade members lining up.



More of the parade line up



MN delegation with congressman Tim Walz



MN delegation with Senator Amy Klobuchar



First District supper at the Hyatt Regency Hotel



More members at the supper



Another view of the members attending the supper



Too many members attending for the long table

**Louis McCahill Post #110,
224 So. Washington Street, Lake City, MN 55041**

PRESS RELEASE: LAKE CITY, MN – American Legion District One Vice Commander Andru Peters (standing R) is presenting to the Lake City American Legion Louis McCahill Post #110 awards received from the American Legion State Convention and the City of Lake City at their Monday, August 20, 2018 Post general meeting.

LAKE CITY LOUIS MCCAHELL POST #110 RECEIVES 100TH Anniversary MN DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS



American Legion District One Vice Commander Andru Peters (R) is presenting to the Lake City Louis McCahill Post #110 awards the Post received at the 100th Anniversary MN Department Convention in Rochester. Receiving the Post #110 plaque for the 2017 - 2018 membership award is Post Membership officer Gene Schuman (L); and Post Commander Dan Smith (C) is receiving the Lake City Mayor Mark Nichols signed proclamation naming Lake City as a Purple Heart City as well as receiving an acknowledgement certificate for the 100th Centennial Post on line Post history.

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Good Morning Members of the 1st District;

First I want to again thank Hayfield Post 330 for letting me have my Exec Board meeting there and to Barb Oakland for the delicious apple bars.

I have just returned from National Convention and have some good ideas for the coming year. The first is a challenge to all members please go and sign up for <https://www.alaforveterans.org/ala-academy/> there are 5 courses available for members covering Leadership, Goodwill and Living our motto of Service not Self. Once you have completed the courses let me know and I will add your name to the drawing which I will hold at District Convention in May 2019. There is also a membership challenge I have with the 1st District SAL Commander to add new members. I know we can do it ladies.

My project this year is Girl's State. Having seen and heard the wonderful young ladies that have gone through the program in recent years I feel this is an investment in the future of the ALA.

The 1st District newsletter this year is completely electronic please Ladies if possible print the Auxiliary pages and take them to your unit meetings to share.

For those of you who were not able to attend our National Convention the videos of the days are available at <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Meetings/>. Please check out the many items on this site it is information and ideas that is of benefit to your unit and as members you have access. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

God bless our Veterans and God Bless the USA.

Michelle Weaver

1st District President

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FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

September

Hello Membership Ladies!

ALA PROUD: Proud of Who We Are, What We Do, and Where We're Going!

The 98th Auxiliary Convention just ended.... **Membership, Membership, Membership!**

Without it, the ALA will not get to the next 98 years! We all have to work on promoting the ALA! Let's toot our horn ladies! Now that our new year is starting with our Units...we all need to renew our own Memberships and work on new Memberships! We all need to help with this, not just the Unit Membership Chair.

Maybe you can have a Membership Open House or Membership Table at an event to promote the great work that your Units do for our Veterans, Communities and Children.

We need to promote Who we are, What we do, and Why it matters to become a member of the ALA.

There are many tools on the ALA for Veterans.org website on Membership....ideas on Creating a New Member Packet, Revitalization Events, brochures and more!

In the Newsletter is a sheet on **Member Spotlight** from our Department Chair. A suggestion, have your members fill out and have your Membership Chair read 1 or 2 each meeting, put on your facebook pages....however you chose to use it. Use when trying to recruit new members!

Area Co-Chairs

Area 1 Leader: Jill Mueller

Area 2 Leader:

Area 3 Leader: Michelle Weaver

Area 4 Leader:

Thank you to Jill and Michelle for helping! Area 2 and 4 still need to be filled.

If interested please email me – w.prescher@kmwb.net or call- 280-4027 (H) or 254-0304 (C).

We all can work to make 2018-2019 a great year for your Unit and our District!

Wanda Prescher-Membership

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY HONORARY JR PRESIDENT

Hello American Legion Family,

Most of you may know my name but for those who don't, my name is Kassy Bettermann your first District Honorary Junior President. I had a wonderful time at the National Convention for the American Legion this past weekend, the parade was inside but that didn't make it any smaller or any less extravagant. At the National Convention with the help of the American Legion Riders of the State of Minnesota, Minnesota was able to give a check of 251,000 dollars to the Legacy Scholarship Foundation. I was extremely honored to be able to be up on stage with Mike Shaffer as he presented the check to our National Commander. It was an amazing experience that I would do again and again if it meant that the kids that depend on that money got to use it.

On another note, I would like to tell you a bit about my project, I will be donating to an unknown service dog training facility. If you have any suggestions, please send me an email at kassaroo48.2002@gmail.com or give my mom a call at (507) 456-2315. Same goes for anyone who would like to have me at one of their unit or legion meetings, please send me something at any time. I will make sure it gets onto my schedule.

Thank you that is all for now,

Kassy Bettermann First District Honorary Junior President

Thank you again to the Ladies that helped me throughout the year.

Unit	Location	Goal	Total	Precent	Left
9	Winona	181	147	81.22%	34
90	Lewiston	42	35	83.33%	7
190	St Charles	81	62	76.54%	19
50	Wabasha	142	118	83.10%	24
110	Lake City	88	74	84.09%	14
179	Plainview	185	159	85.95%	26
546	Kellogg	141	131	92.91%	10
573	Elgin	24	16	66.67%	8
579	Millville	50	51	102.00%	-1
588	Mazeppa	54	41	75.93%	13
92	Rochester	183	152	83.06%	31
119	Byron	95	81	85.26%	14
164	Stewartville	188	187	99.47%	1
551	Eyota	109	99	90.83%	10
Pod One Total		1563	1353	86.56%	210
295	West Concord	37	34	91.89%	3
330	Hayfield	198	190	95.96%	8
333	Kasson	151	143	94.70%	8
384	Dodge Center	81	75	92.59%	6
422	Claremont	22	21	95.45%	1
52	Blooming Prairie	118	106	89.83%	12
77	Owatonna	138	118	85.51%	20
75	New Richland	66	54	81.82%	12
228	Waseca	237	240	101.27%	-3
281	Janesville	61	37	60.66%	24
587	Waldorf	30	23	76.67%	7
Pod Two Totals		1139	1041	91.40%	98
40	Lanesboro	104	104	100.00%	0
68	Spring Valley	47	43	91.49%	4
81	Harmony	53	52	98.11%	1
94	Rushford	78	73	93.59%	5
197	Chatfield	40	37	92.50%	3
299	Mabel	139	126	90.65%	13
369	Wykoff	17	18	105.88%	-1
526	Peterson	38	37	97.37%	1
544	Ostrander	18	13	72.22%	5
637	Whalen	25	21	84.00%	4
191	Caledonia	79	76	96.20%	3
249	Spring Grove	144	128	88.89%	16
423	Houston	144	141	97.92%	3
498	Hokah	21	19	90.48%	2
595	LaCrescent	233	196	84.12%	37
Pod Three Totals		1180	1084	91.86%	96
56	Albert Lea	342	305	89.18%	37
264	Glenville	111	101	90.99%	10
317	Emmons	32	25	78.13%	7
404	Alden	49	49	100.00%	0
552	Freeborn	65	62	95.38%	3
91	Austin	169	135	79.88%	34
105	Lyle	55	53	96.36%	2
140	Grand Meadow	79	66	83.54%	13
146	Adams	148	130	87.84%	18
161	Leroy	68	54	79.41%	14
Pod Four Totals		1118	980	87.66%	138
Total		5000	4458	89.16%	542

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Greetings and salutations

I am writing this after just attending my first National Convention and I must say that if you have never attended one before, please try to. There was a lot of great information regarding all the projects that the Sons of The American Legion contribute to and a great time was had by everyone in attendance.

I would like to talk for a moment about my project for the upcoming year. My project is the Child Welfare Foundation. Using a direct quote from the Child Welfare Foundation website; "The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from individuals who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country. Our foremost philanthropic priority is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth by aiding progress in the field of child welfare through dissemination of knowledge about research, studies, surveys, projects, or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth." Last year, the American Legion Family donated over \$500,000 to CWF. This is a number that I would like to see increase. I have CWF Piggy Banks that I would like each Squadron to use at least one to raise money for CWF this year. The 10 District Commanders are having a contest to see which District Commander will raise the most money and I need the help of everyone in the District to make sure we are in first place! I will have the banks with me at ALL District and Detachment functions to raise money. If you would like a bank, please let me know. For more information on the Child Welfare Foundation, please visit their website at www.cwf-inc.org Membership is a key component every year at all levels, including your Squadron, District, Detachment, and National. Last year, nationally, we lost 36,000 members not counting the over 3,000 that went into Squadron Everlasting. If your Squadron has lost members, reach out to them to find out why they chose not to renew their membership and try to get them to renew. Detachment Commander Shawn Davis has set a lofty goal of 12,000 members within the Detachment. I feel this goal is achievable and attainable. Included in this newsletter, you will find what your individual Squadron goals are. Let's work together as a team to show Commander Davis why we are the best District within the Detachment.

If your Squadron has any events upcoming that you would like me to attend, please contact me via phone or email so that I can check my schedule.

As always please keep our servicemen and women in your prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Weaver
District 1 Commander

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.

FIRST DISTRICT SAL 2018 MEMBERSHIP GOALS

SQUADRON	2018 RESULTS	2019 GOAL
009	WINONA	78
040	LANESBORO	59
050	WABASHA	8
052	BLOOMING PRAIRE	32
056	ALBERT LEA	134
075	NEW RICHLAND	2
077	OWATONNA	139
090	LEWISTON	44
091	AUSTIN	69
092	ROCHESTER	130
094	RUSHFORD	45
105	LYLE	32
119	BYRON	36
140	GRAND MEADOW	0
146	ADAMS	133
161	LEROY	48
164	STEWARTVILLE	108
166	PRESTON	37
179	PLAINVIEW	15
190	ST. CHARLES	9
191	CALEDONIA	0
228	WASECA	128
249	SPRING GROVE	0
264	GLENVILLE	38
266	HARTLAND	12
281	JANESVILLE	7
299	MABEL	25
317	EMMONS	13
330	HAYFIELD	31
333	KASSON	32
384	DODGE CENTER	6
400	CANTON	0
404	ALDEN	60
423	HOUSTON	0
546	KELLOGG	21
551	EYOTA	41
552	FREEBORN	29
573	ELGIN	0
579	MILLVILLE	28
595	LaCRESENT	68
1111	DAKOTA	83

1780

1882

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Highlights from Austin post 91

We had great turn out and success with The National Legacy run which stopped in Austin on it's way to Minneapolis for the National Convention. .Thanks to all..

September 22nd is our rib cook off. It is seventy five (75) bucks to enter with a 50% payback. The appetizer round is ten (10) bucks. Fun time is open to public, come eat at 4:30 PM. Cost is eight (8) bucks a plate.

Thank you, Roe



Above and on the right—picture's of the National Legacy Run's stop at Austin Post 91





THE TOTAL RAISED FOR #LEGACYRUN2018 IS A RECORD!

\$1,256,930.43!

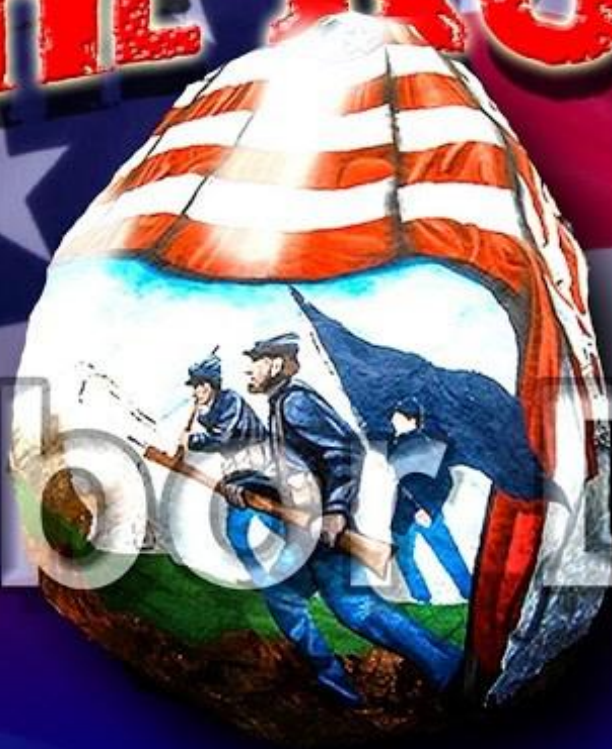
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AND ALL OF MINNESOTA FOR RAISING \$251,000 OF THIS TOTAL.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

KASSON AMERICAN LEGION
PRESENTS

A PARTY AT THE ROCK

Laloo Day



A Dedication Ceremony For
Minnesota's only

FREEDOM ROCK

1 P.M.

Live Music

Branded

Hot country

Bar opens at 11 A.M.

Food BEER games

Special appearance by artist
Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II
Bring a lawn chair
Free will donation for all food

Food Highlight
SPAM
Burgers



Cruisin' *Tuesdays*

(BURGER NIGHT)

AT THE EYOTA LEGION

CRUISE IN WITH YOUR SPECIAL CAR, TRUCK,
MOTORCYCLE OR WHATEVER.

ALL WELCOME.

STARTING TUESDAY JUNE 5, 2018

FOOD 5:00PM TO 8:00PM
DOOR PRIZES. FOOD SPECIALS.

SEE YA THERE!!

