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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.

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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.

September 10—13, 2020— Legionville Camp-O-Ree, more information on pages 2 & 3 of this newsletter

More of the upcoming events are listed in Commander Dale's article which can be found on page 5 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.

51st Annual Legionville Camp O Ree

September 10th through 13th Brainerd
MN on North Long Lake.

Meals provided by the
SAL
except for
Thursday
Steak Dinner
Friday

10th District Chili Feed
Saturday

6th District Fish Fry Lunch
Sunday

SAL Omelet Breakfast

To be informed of the
latest status and news,
please check our
Facebook page, or

subscribe to our text service. (Data and
message rates may apply.)

Text CAMPOREE to 84483 to receive alerts
from Legionville Camporee.

Event
locations
and times
may
change

SCAN ME



Per State & CDC guidelines

- Social Distancing should be maintained at all times
- Masks will be required inside buildings
- Sanitizing stations will be available
- No dormitories will be available for overnights please plan on RV, camper or tent to ensure you have a place to sleep.
- Building capacities will be limited.

BINGO RAFFLE Pull-Tabs

Bring your own dauber for BINGO
or buy one from us!

Bring a lawn chair for Harvest
Membership Rally



Camping Fees

RV, Camper, and Tent on grounds. No lodging in the Dormitories will be available.
Shower house will be open.

Day	On Arrival
Before Thursday	Free
Thursday, Friday, Saturday with overnight on property	\$10 a day per person, \$75 maximum per family
Thursday, Friday, Saturday with overnight off property	\$5 a day per person, \$75 maximum per family
Saturday	Active Military, Reservists, Guardsman, & their families are complimentary
Ages 3 and under	Free

All proceeds go to Legionville School Patrol Training Center, Inc.
All fees are non-refundable.



Legionville School Patrol Camp
20 W 12th Street, 300A
Saint Paul, MN 55155-2000



Date: August 17, 2020
To: District Commanders
District Presidents
District SAL Commanders
District ALR Reps
Re: Legionville Camporee and Harvest Rally 2020

For distribution to all Posts, Units, Squadrons, and Chapters

Good day to you all,

This is to inform all that as of this date, the 51st Legionville Camporee will be held on September 10th through the 13th At Legionville School Safety Patrol Camp. This fundraiser for Legionville, is being planned to be held while complying with the safety recommendations as outlined by The State of MN, and the CDC. But that does not mean we cannot have fun, and raise money for Legionville!

We are planning on having a Camporee similar to what has been put on in prior years. This includes:

- Thursday
 - Steak Dinner
 - Pull tabs
 - Raffle
- Friday
 - SAL Breakfast
 - 2 sessions of BINGO
 - SAL Snack Shack
 - 10th District Chili Feed (a new event!)
 - Pull tabs
 - Raffle
 - Entertainment
- Saturday
 - SAL Breakfast
 - 2 sessions of BINGO
 - SAL Snack Shack
 - 6th District Fish Fry
 - Pull tabs
 - Raffle
 - Harvest Rally

Sunday

SAL Omelet Breakfast
Memorial Service for Vicki Bibeau

We are planning on holding as many events outside under tents to accommodate the membership attending this event. We ask that you social distance as appropriate, and recognize the comfort level of others with their level of social distancing desired. Masks will be required inside buildings, but outside we ask you respect each other's comfort level and risk tolerance for wearing masks on the property.

No dormitories will be available for overnight stays. Please plan on using an RV, camper, tent, or hotel as a result.

Harvest rally will start at 3:00 PM and we are targeting 6 PM for completion (if not earlier). Speakers will be limited in their presentation times. Since the Harvest Rally is more of a family picnic this year, the SAL Snack Shack will be open and serving food before, during, and after the event. So please enjoy. No tickets are needed. Cash is preferred.

If you or someone else cannot attend the Harvest Rally, we will be attempting to live stream the event. Please submit a request to the email below to be added to the invite.

Due to the situation with Covid-19, the event can change quickly. To stay informed, please follow our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/LegionvilleCamporee>) or subscribe to our texting service. Send CAMPOREE to 84483 to receive alerts about Legionville Camporee. Data and message rates may apply. We do not share (or even see) your number.

If you have questions, please contact us at the following:

Email: Legionville.camporee@gmail.com
Voicemail: (218) 262 – 9502

Thank you.

Dennis Blue, Chair
Legionville Camporee Committee

Eugene Leifeld, President
Legionville Board

FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings First District American Legion Family.
Thank you to all of you that made it to the District picnic in Grand Meadow. Success, there were 23 posts represented 40 people, the Legion, Auxiliary, Jr. Auxiliary, SAL. We all weathered the wind, rain, and then the Sunshine. We had a short presentation by Eugene Lifield from the Legionville Board of directors. We also honored a World War 2 veteran, Norma Sween from Grand Meadow. Thank you Grand Meadow post for hosting this event.
Coming Events.

Camp o Ree in Legionville September 10-13. with the Harvest Rally Saturday afternoon. More information in the Legionnaire this month.

District rally is planned to be in the Dodge Center Legion on Saturday October 3, 2020., Exec Boards 8:30 AM rally at 10:00 AM.

The executive board meeting planned to be in person. The rally is planned to be in person and Zoomed. You will be able to attend and participate either way. Log in information will be available by email the week of September 27.

Covid-19 rules and regulations will apply.
Dress accordingly you are attending a Legion function.
The rally is open to all District Legion Family Members.

October 22- 24. Department Fall Conference is planned to be at Breezy Point. Schedule to be available soon.
The November District Rally is planned for Area three in the evening.

The District Christmas get together is planned for December 13 at the at the Eyota Legion post at noon.
The American Legion legacy fundraiser ride information is under important dates and AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS.

Now that we are into the Legion New Year we need to get our planning done.
There is a lot of American Legion information on these three websites.

mnlegion.org

mylegion.org

mnmightyfirst.org check these out.

Pray for all Military personnel that are defending our country and the FREEDOMS we have and their families.

Pray for all that are working on this covid-19 virus to get it under control.

Thank you for your service.
For God and Country!

Dale Wellik
District Commander

From your 1st District Legion Chaplain



Greetings to the American Legion Family!

A few years back when I was getting ready to become a Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church, a Pastor friend said to me, "The best way to start a talk is to get people relaxed, and the best way to do that is to tell a joke; that way, if your talk is boring, they will still remember the joke!" Laughter is good for one's soul; You feel better after a good laugh. My wife ran across a few humorous quotes last week. I'll share a few and maybe they'll bring some humor into your life as they have mine.

I'm sure most of you can attest to the "fact" that the washing machine or dryer has eaten a sock or two.

Just remember, "If you lose a sock it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers!"

How about this one, with all the tests for Covid going on—"I had my patience tested; I'm negative!"

And finally—"Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 p.m. is the new midnight!"

I hope this message has brought some joy and laughter into your life and heart. In the book of Nehemiah, chapter 8, verse 10 it says, "The joy of the Lord is my strength". And in Ecclesiastes 3:4, "There is a time to weep and a time to laugh." So if your heart is heavy over this pandemic we're in, take some time to find something to be joyful about. Find some humor to brighten your day. It's really the best medicine you can take.

As I close, let us remember to pray for our country, state and all those who lead us. Pray for our national commander Oxford as he continues as commander another year. Pray for our service personnel, fellow veterans, for the sick and lonely. Check on a fellow veteran. Also, let us never forget those who never made it home--Fellow service personnel who are unaccounted for either as POW or MIA. Their families still wait for their home coming, or for the final account of what really happened to them. Somewhere, out there, someone knows something about each case. So let us remember those who aren't with us and are still unaccounted for. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is September 18 this year. Let us remember.

Until next month, Peace and Grace to 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



<http://hwwmohf.org/monuments/mantorville-mn.html>

cmsmemorialfund.org

FROM AREA FOUR

Greetings to the 1st District,

We are at the start of the American Legion year 2021. Last year at this time we were writing about the national convention and what was learned and the good time that was had. We need to have faith that things will turn around this coming year and we can get back to business as usual.

A big thank you to those that came to the 1st District picnic on August 9th and to the Grand Meadow Legion who hosted the event in Memorial Park. The weather was not the best to start with but everyone pitched in and grill master Larry Otto was able to feed everyone. A soggy but good time for all.

Camp-O-Ree will be held September 10-12 at Legionville. Please see the latest edition of the Legionnaire for details of the event. Please go up and support this program if even for just a day.

September 17, 2020 is Constitution Day. This commemorates the signing of the Constitution on 9/17/1787. This is the most influential document in American history. It established the framework of our government and the rights and freedoms we enjoy today. Now is a good time to review the Constitution. I am sure a lot of us have not read it in a long time. Our Preamble states "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America". We as members of The American Legion bore arms and went to war to defend and uphold this document of freedom.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you or your posts. We are a family and going through these interesting times together.

Mary Hanson
Area 4 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

FROM AREA ONE

Well another month gone by hard to believe that summer is almost over well we had another update from the Olmsted county V.S.O. Saying thanks to the American legion for keeping P.T.S.D. awareness month a success. During this year's awareness month campaign, there was 500 pledges were signed by individuals and organizations. 5,000. resources shared 80,000 about P.T.S.D. awareness were posted on social media. great job and remember P.T.S.D. can be helped in any month so lets start now and make 2021 the best year yet lets show the people what the American legion is made of remember. We need to pick up our membership we in area 1 are in second place we need to pick up membership lets start now so we can make our goals .We had a hard year and many changes but we are resourceful to overcome anything that is in our way remember we are a team and we cant make it alone so if you need help ask and we can make it through a pandemic we can make through anything.

Thank you, area 1 Vice Commander,

Mark A Maloney III

The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2021 Membership Report as of Sept 3, 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 dae
1	9	Winona	1	30	27	272	330	0	330	538	61.34%	0	343
1	90	Lewiston	0	8	1	1	10	0	10	75	13.33%	0	10
1	190	St Charles	3	19	7	69	98	0	98	133	73.68%	0	90
1		Winona County					438	0	438	746	58.71%		443
1	50	Wabasha	0	48	9	81	138	0	138	221	62.44%	0	146
1	110	Lake City	1	17	4	78	100	0	100	157	63.69%	0	86
1	179	Plainview	0	28	10	62	100	0	100	159	62.89%	0	103
1	546	Kellogg	0	9	0	33	42	0	42	63	66.67%	0	40
1	573	Elgin	0	2	1	1	4	0	4	29	13.79%	0	4
1	579	Millville	0	22	15	53	90	0	90	148	60.81%	0	92
1	588	Mazeppa	0	9	1	38	48	0	48	72	66.67%	0	45
1		Wabsha County					522	0	522	849	61.48%		516
1	92	Rochester	2	91	65	392	550	1	551	906	60.82%	1	544
1	119	Byron	1	17	5	40	63	0	63	133	47.37%	0	25
1	164	Stewartville	0	25	13	171	209	0	209	303	68.98%	0	186
1	446	Rochester	0	2	2	2	6	0	6	20	30.00%	0	7
1	551	Eyota	1	20	8	70	99	0	99	187	52.94%	0	99
1		Olmsted County					927	1	928	1549	59.91%		861
1		Area One					1887	1	1888	3144	60.05%		1820
1	295	West Concord	0	8	1	23	32	0	32	65	49.23%	0	42
1	330	Hayfield	0	18	10	79	107	0	107	199	53.77%	0	121
1	333	Kasson	1	31	14	138	184	0	184	264	69.70%	0	174
1	384	Dodge Center	0	8	2	36	46	0	46	78	58.97%	0	47
1	422	Claremont	1	1	3	17	22	0	22	27	81.48%	0	18
1		Dodge County					391	0	391	633	61.77%		402
1	52	Blooming Prairie	0	16	1	47	64	0	64	95	67.37%	0	51
1	77	Owatonna	3	52	20	202	277	0	277	463	59.83%	0	302
1	296	Ellendale	0	3	1	2	6	0	6	39	15.38%	0	23
1		Steel County					347	0	347	597	58.12%		376
1	75	New Richland	0	8	1	40	49	0	49	48	102.08%	0	29
1	228	Waseca	0	21	9	135	165	0	165	310	53.23%	0	177

1	281	Janesville	0	9	7	46	62	0	62	88	70.45%	0	59
1	587	Waldorf	0	0	0	14	14	0	14	22	63.64%	0	10
1		Waseca County					290	0	290	468	61.97%	0	275
		Area Two					1028	0	1028	1698	60.54%	0	1053
1	40	Lanesboro	0	13	7	45	65	0	65	108	60.19%	0	72
1	68	Spring Valley	0	8	1	42	51	0	51	76	67.11%	0	54
1	81	Harmony	0	2	0	16	18	0	18	32	56.25%	0	17
1	94	Rushford	0	14	6	50	70	0	70	116	60.34%	0	36
1	166	Preston	0	18	2	21	41	0	41	61	67.21%	0	47
1	197	Chatfield	0	2	1	1	4	0	4	45	8.89%	0	6
1	299	Mabel	1	31	5	63	100	0	100	165	60.61%	0	91
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	11	11	0	11	16	68.75%	0	12
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	17	21	0	21	39	53.85%	0	22
1	544	Ostrander	0	2	1	1	4	0	4	24	16.67%	0	15
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	10	10	0	10	7	142.86%	0	6
1		Fillmore County					398	0	398	682	58.36%	0	381
1	191	Caledonia	0	17	2	53	72	0	72	150	48.00%	0	32
1	249	Spring Grove	0	15	8	62	85	0	85	152	55.92%	0	68
1	423	Houston	0	8	4	45	57	0	57	105	54.29%	0	43
1	498	Hokah	0	1	1	1	3	0	3	22	13.64%	0	14
1	595	LaCrescent	0	47	13	112	172	0	172	273	63.00%	0	176
1		Houston County					389	0	389	702	55.41%	0	59
1		Area Three					787	0	787	1384	56.86%	0	440
1	56	Albert Lea	0	40	24	301	365	1	366	545	67.16%	0	363
1	264	Glenville	0	9	0	33	42	0	42	72	58.33%	0	30
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	13	100.00%	0	2
1	317	Emmons	0	3	1	21	25	0	25	53	47.17%	0	30
1	404	Alden	0	4	9	57	70	0	70	106	66.04%	0	51
1	552	Freeborn	0	5	1	1	7	0	7	33	21.21%	0	20
1		Freeborn County					522	1	523	822	63.63%	0	496

1	91	Austin	0	56	14	219	289	0	289	504	57.34%	0	300
1	105	Lyle	0	8	3	25	36	0	36	84	42.86%	0	35
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	2	3	19	24	0	24	41	58.54%	0	21
1	146	Adams	0	20	3	3	26	0	26	187	13.90%	0	81
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	2	28	34	0	34	52	65.38%	0	38
1	570	Austin Spam	0	0	2	11	13	0	13	14	92.86%	1	11
1		Mower County					422	1	422	882	47.85%	0	486
1		Area Four					944	1	945	1704	55.46%	0	982
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0.00%	0	0
1		District Totals	12	853	335	3345	4545	2	4547	7984	56.95%	2	4125
		Vice Commanders											
		Area One					1887	1	1888	3144	60.05%	0	1820
		Area Two					1028	0	1028	1698	60.54%	0	1053
		Area Three					787	0	787	1384	56.86%	0	440
		Area Four					944	1	945	1704	55.46%	0	982

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA 2021 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 9/3/20

1	Dale Wellik	15	856	351	3424	4646	2	4648	7984	58.22%	2	4568
2	Bradley Pagel	16	644	225	2586	3471	0	3471			1	3497
3	Linda Dvorak	40	1549	747	4546	6881	6	6887			7	6570
4	Joseph Jansen	7	286	124	898	1315	1	1316			2	1327
5	Wade A. Larson	21	301	177	306	786	0	786			2	1232
6	Paul D. Edwards	41	1099	496	4804	6440	1	6441			4	6129
7	Dean Knutson	13	696	175	2492	3376	0	3376			4	3239
8	Gerrianne Koskinen	8	316	165	1621	2110	0	2110			1	2077
9	Steven Sundstrom	15	547	261	2553	3376	5	3381			9	3499
10	Thomas H. Allen	35	904	584	3673	5196	2	5198			2	5247
99		1	176	159	932	1268	0	1268			0	1081
Totals		193	7374	3464	27,834	38,865	17	38,882			35	38,465



The Freedom Rock Memorial in Kasson during the Post 333 100th anniversary celebration in the middle of August.



Louis McCahill Post #110 Color Guard Team participating at the Elba Veterans Memorial Park rededication on August 1, 2020. (Front L-R) Marv Holmstadt, Glen Mueller, Winona County Commander, & Art Howard. (Rear L-R) Andru Peters & Dan Smith Post #110 Commander.



The Color Guards present at the Memorial Dedication in Elba.



Commander Dale at the First District Picnic in Grand Meadow Memorial Park.

Pictures of the First District Picnic which was held in Grand Meadow Memorial Park. A big thanks to the Grand Meadow Legion and Auxiliary for hosting and everyone who attended and dealing with the COVID 19 requirements for food and distancing. Also a big thanks to The cooks and helpers that helped make it a great day.



These are wooden US Flags with the branch of service on each one. District Chaplain, Larry Otto made them to have everyone call in bids in five (5) dollar increments with all money going to Commander Dale's project.

Bidding will end at 12 noon on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020. Thanks to all who have bid on this Commander's project. To bid call or text to 507-475-1023.



The high bid for the Army one is \$75.00 by phone number 507-382-8447 as of 9/1/20



The high bid for the Marine one is \$225.00 by phone number 507-259-5261 as of 9/1/20




The high bid for the Navy one is \$65.00 by phone number 507-433-7975 as of 9/1/20



The high bid for the Air Force one is \$110.00 by phone number 507-421-5674 as of 9/1/20

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


THE MEANING OF COINS ON A HEADSTONE




A penny, you stopped and paid your respects.



A nickle, you attended bootcamp with them



A dime, you served in the armed forces with them



A quarter, you were with the soldier when they were killed

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



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.



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.

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Here we are at the start of a new Auxiliary year! Hopefully your trying to startup with your meetings whether in person or virtual. I look forward to visiting when you feel comfortable. Lets' get membership in as quickly as we can, know one should be holding it for any reason. This is one of the goals for this year.

Thank you to our Grand Meadow Unit and President Margene for hosting our Annual Picnic! For our Auxiliary members who are making mask for the 4 VA Medical Centers and 5 Minnesota State Veterans Homes to help combat Covid 19.

Receipts must be sent to the Department Office with your name and address included. Reimbursement is a one-time only per member (must be a Minnesota ALA member). Receipts must be for materials to be used for supplies for the above facilities.

A one-time reimbursement of up to \$50.

Our First District Rally will be held in Dodge Center on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00am.

We hope to have it available through Zoom as well in person. The info for the link will be sent to all that receive the newsletter.

My Project: MVAHCS-Minneapolis VA Hospital Emergency Funds is the same as last year as my Symbol the Poppy!

There will be another quilt raffle based on last year's success to raise funds for my project! Tickets will be sent to the Units later this month along with a photo.

Welcome to Taylor McElroy as our Junior Auxiliary President!

Thank you, to the ladies who have offered to chair our Auxiliary Programs!

Thank you to our Unit Officers for remaining in place, in most cases another year!

Hopefully, it will be a better year, as we find ways to do our programs a little differently!

Whatever we can do to help our Veterans and Community is what is important right now!

Stay safe and healthy!

President Wanda

SEPTEMBER IS JR ACTIVITIES MONTH

September is an appropriate month for Junior Activities Month. It's quite appropriate for the start of the school year, perhaps even the entire year. We are all appreciative of our Junior members (whether an organized group or not). Now during this unprecedented era, we are living in have you ever thought our Juniors could teach us? As you know they are much more proficient than most of us are in social media. We are never too old to learn, ladies, and never too young to teach.

Honorary Department Junior President Emily Suess' initiatives this year are to recruit and mentor Junior members. Both may be possible by reaching out to them and requesting help from them or their friends on their expertise of setting up social media accounts for your Units. Department Secretary Marsha has information for Zoom meetings online, also. This enables for a much safer meeting from the comfort of your own home.

The theme this year will continue to be "Juniors Catching Veterans Hearts" with the softball as her symbol. The juniors raised \$6,965 that was distributed among the five veteran's homes last year. With such a great response for supporting our veterans' homes, Emily is changing the project for this year to raise funds to support the Minneapolis and St. Cloud VA Health Care Systems. The funds raised will be split evenly between the two facilities.

Donna Barbknecht is the chairman of the Junior Activities Committee for the Department of Minnesota

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2020-0201**

20-2021

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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 am a freshman this upcoming school year. I am 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.

Remember if you want to donate to my project, the checks need to be made out to: The First District ALA with The District Honorary Jr President's project in the memo line and sent to Audrey Farnsworth at: 302 1st St E, Stewartville, MN 55976

SOME INFORMATION ON BELIEVET SERVICE DOGS

OUR PROGRAM

The Need

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs conducted a broad survey of recent veterans to gain better insight on their overall health. In raw numbers, it is estimated that a sobering 500,000 troops from the Gulf Wars alone have been diagnosed with PTSD, according to Miriam Reisman ("PTSD Treatment for Veterans: What's Working, What's New, and What's Next," U.S. National Library of Medicine, 2016). PTSD can be described as a mental health condition that may result from experiencing or witnessing trauma. Symptoms include flashbacks, nightmares, severe anxiety, depression, and confusion. This condition—often accompanied by major depression and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI)—can make it difficult, if not impossible, to meet the normal demands of daily life. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 20 deployed veterans die by suicide every day in the United States (Office of Suicide Prevention, "Suicide Among Veterans and Other Americans, 2001–2014," 2016).

Our Response

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

There is a growing body of research and clinical evidence supporting the value of service dogs. Despite this, neither the Veterans Health Administration nor most private insurers pay for or provide reimbursement for psychiatric service dogs for people diagnosed with PTSD. Believet™ provides highly trained service dogs, free of charge, to disabled veterans, helping them to lead more productive, independent lives. A service dog provides a sense of security, greater independence, non-judgmental acceptance, affection, physical assistance, and peace of mind.

Our Dogs

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

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

Our Facility

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

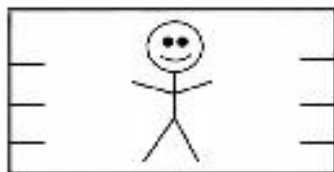
For more information check out their website at: believet.org

How to make a *Face Mask*

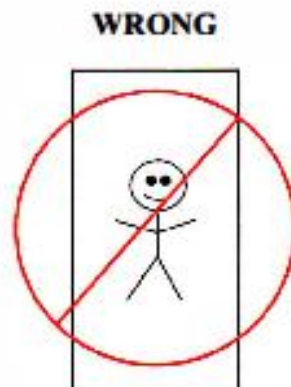
You will need a cotton fabric, any print for adult: 100% cotton, tightly woven fabric is preferred. Cotton flannel for the backing is preferred, though a different print of standard cotton is accepted.
 1/8" flat braided elastic
 Cut the elastic 7" long

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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TURBAN PROJECT 501 c3



Full Tutorial on their Facebook and Website

1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership

As of July 31, 2020

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
9	Winona	137	140		140	102.1898%	-3
90	Lewiston	37	35		35	94.5946%	2
190	St Charles	53	50		50	94.3396%	3
50	Wabasha	113	109		109	96.4602%	4
110	Lake City	72	63		63	87.5000%	9
179	Plainview	139	119		119	85.6115%	20
546	Kellogg	124	109		109	87.9032%	15
573	Elgin	18	12		12	66.6667%	6
579	Millville	53	50		50	94.3396%	3
588	Mazeppa	37	36		36	97.2973%	1
92	Rochester	135	135		135	100.0000%	0
119	Byron	75	40		40	53.3333%	35
164	Stewartville	173	173		173	100.0000%	0
551	Eyota	100	96		96	96.0000%	4
Pod One Total		1266	1167		1167	92.1801%	99
295	West Concord	34	31		31	91.1765%	3
330	Hayfield	182	172		172	94.5055%	10
333	Kasson	133	134		134	100.7519%	-1
384	Dodge Center	75	63		63	84.0000%	12
422	Claremont	21	19		19	90.4762%	2
52	Blooming Prairie	104	90		90	86.5385%	14
77	Owatonna	113	110		110	97.3451%	3
75	New Richland	49	44		44	89.7959%	5
228	Waseca	243	238		238	97.9424%	5
587	Waldorf	19	20		20	105.2632%	-1
Pod Two Totals		973	921		921	94.6557%	52
40	Lanesboro	103	96		96	93.2039%	7
68	Spring Valley	42	38		38	90.4762%	4
81	Harmony	53	51		51	96.2264%	2
94	Rushford	55	44		44	80.0000%	11
197	Chatfield	32	29		29	90.6250%	3
299	Mabel	123	115		115	93.4959%	8
369	Wykoff	17	16		16	94.1176%	1
526	Peterson	43	45		45	104.6512%	-2
544	Ostrander	15	13		13	86.6667%	2
637	Whalan	22	20		20	90.9091%	2
191	Caledonia	75	74		74	98.6667%	1
249	Spring Grove	122	108		108	88.5246%	14
423	Houston	138	125		125	90.5797%	13
498	Hokah	18	17		17	94.4444%	1

595	La Crescent	181	169		169	93.3702%	12
Pod Three Totals		1039	960		960	92.3965%	79
56	Albert Lea	289	283		283	97.9239%	6
264	Glenville	87	89		89	102.2989%	-2
404	Alden	37	42		42	113.5135%	-5
552	Freeborn	61	61		61	100.0000%	0
91	Austin	128	133		133	103.9063%	-5
105	Lyle	56	51		51	91.0714%	5
140	Grand Meadow	63	64		64	101.5873%	-1
146	Adams	132	126		126	95.4545%	6
161	Leroy	46	45		45	97.8261%	1
Pod Four Totals		899	894		894	99.4438%	5
Total		4177	3942		3942	94.3740%	235

***Note:**

Green Highlight = Greater than 100%

Newsletter Article

Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem

The First District had a positive 2019/2020 year for membership. Each unit has worked hard and deserves a pat on the back. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. The First District took 2nd place in the Department of Minnesota at a percentage of 94.37%. It would be great to see 100% this next year.

The June newsletter I stated the unit with the most increased membership in June would get a gift card. There was a tie for the units. The two units that won at raising six memberships was St. Charles and Mabel. I will be getting these to the units within the next month. Congratulations to these two units.

Let's keep up the good work in 2020/2021.

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"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea
		<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
		<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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Sqdrn.	Location	2020 Re- sults 6/27/20	2021 Goal	105%	Total at Dept	Rally Turn In	Grand Total	% of Goal	Date Goal Reached
9	Winona	85	89	94	20		20	22.47%	
40	Lanesboro	62	65	69	1		1	1.54%	
50	Wabasha	10	11	12	1		1	9.09%	
52	Blooming Prairie	41	43	46	0		0	0.00%	
56	Albert Lea	122	126	133	33		33	26.19%	
75	New Richland	0	5	6	0		0	0.00%	
77	Owatonna	122	126	133	3		3	2.38%	
90	Lewiston	47	49	52	1		1	2.04%	
91	Austin	64	67	71	0		0	0.00%	
92	Rochester	122	126	133	30		30	23.81%	
94	Rushford	24	25	27	8		8	32.00%	
105	Lyle	26	28	30	0		0	0.00%	
119	Byron	39	41	44	14		14	34.15%	
146	Adams	93	97	102	27		27	27.84%	
161	Le Roy	40	43	46	11		11	25.58%	
164	Stewartville	107	111	117	23		23	20.72%	
166	Preston	44	46	49	2		2	4.35%	
179	Plainview	13	14	15	2		2	14.29%	
190	St. Charles	12	13	14	2		2	15.38%	
191	Caledonia	0	5	6	0		0	0.00%	
228	Waseca	105	109	115	0		0	0.00%	
249	Spring Grove	0	5	6	0		0	0.00%	
264	Glenville	46	48	51	10		10	20.83%	
266	Hartland	10	11	12	12		12	109.09%	8/18/2020
281	Janesville	7	8	9	0		0	0.00%	
299	Mabel	15	16	17	2		2	12.50%	
317	Emmons	41	43	46	0		0	0.00%	
330	Hayfield	34	36	38	0		0	0.00%	
333	Kasson	37	39	41	20		20	51.28%	
384	Dodge Center	10	11	12	2		2	18.18%	
404	Alden	57	60	63	0		0	0.00%	
423	Houston	15	16	17	0		0	0.00%	
446	Rochester	10	16	17	1		1	6.25%	
546	Kellogg	17	18	19	0		0	0.00%	
551	Eyota	35	37	39	0		0	0.00%	
552	Freeborn	27	29	31	0		0	0.00%	
573	Elgin	3	5	6	0		0	0.00%	
579	Millville	28	30	32	1		1	3.33%	
595	La Crescent	74	76	80	15		15	19.74%	
1111	Dakota	59	75	79	0		0	0.00%	
Totals		1703	1818	1929	241	0	241	13.26%	

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Greeting from the First District American Legion Riders!

What a summer we have had with so many events being cancelled or changed. It has been very strange, not going on rides and being around other riders from around the state.

The ALR Romp is scheduled for September 18, 19 & 20th. This is held at Legionville and this year, there will be some changes to allow for social distancing and keeping things clean!

As in the past, The Legacy Scholarship Fund has been very important to the riders. We ask that you continue to support this great cause and make a donation if possible. The Department cut off is (was) September 1st. Any donations that are made after this date, will be held until next year's donation to the National level. Minnesota Legion Families have been the leader in this cause and we hope this will continue.

Please mail your donation to the Department office with the check made out to the Minnesota American Legion Foundation Fund 84.

Address:

Minnesota American Legion
300A 20 West 12th St
St Paul, Mn 55155.

Ride Safe and enjoy the fall colors that we all know will be visible soon!

Island City Ride for Vets

Saturday September 26, 2020

Post 9 American Legion

302 E Sarnia, Winona MN 55987

9AM – Motorcycle registration

\$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger

10AM – Kickstands up!



Winona ALR Challenge Coins
Available \$10.00 each

Enjoy a 80 - 100 mile ride, route has yet to be determined, returning to a Covid-19 safe Bag lunch.

Cash Raffle tickets, \$5.00 each, may be purchased up until drawing at 2:00 P.M. Prizes are 1st - \$500, 2nd & 3rd - \$250, 4th & 5th - \$100.

"All raffle tickets previously purchased are still valid."

American Legion Rider shirts will be available for sale in the bar area before and after the ride.

All proceeds are donated to various veteran, children, and community causes throughout the year. We greatly appreciate your support. Email for questions:
Post9ALR@yahoo.com or Winona ALR Facebook page.





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