



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Because of the COVID 19 restrictions are loosening some posts will be opening up, depending on the Governor's mandate with COVID 19 rules in place, or curb side service only. Please contact your post to see what the times and rules are.**

**Please keep making buddy check calls to make sure all of our fellow veterans are handling the lockdown.**

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

### IMPORTANT NEWS

The Gold Star Mother Memorial dedication in Manorville which was scheduled for September 26, 2021 has **cancelled** until a future date due to a hiccup in the receiving of building supplies. More information will be forth coming as to the new dedication date. Please bear with us.

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

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

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## FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S DESK

### Greetings to the American Legion Family!

Since my last newsletter I was able to attend the Ground Breaking of the new Veterans Home in Preston. What a wonderful event. I was able to catch up with some of my former colleagues from the Minnesota Senate that played an important part in the decisions which made this possible. Senator's Dave Senjem, Jeremy Miller and Carla Nelson along with Representative Greg Davids. It was also nice to chat a bit with Governor Tim Waltz.



It was then off to Plainview for some time with Commander Bill Getschmann of Post 179 and the Viet Nam Traveling Memorial. A huge congratulations to all that help bring the Wall to Plainview during their Corn on the Cob days. I was able to broadcast my interview "live" on the Departments Face Book page. Afterwards it was a stop at the Post to meet and greet members.



August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> brought the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Cpl Caleb L Erickson Memorial back to Post 228 in Waseca. A week or so prior I was proud to have been part of the group that was able to get a bill past in the Minnesota Legislature to rename a portion of Trunk Highway 13 through Waseca County as "Cpl Caleb L Erickson Memorial Highway." Many jumped on board the fundraising event to help pay for the two signs and future maintenance. You can find out more about Cpl Caleb L Erickson by going to Facebook and searching for him. Thank you goes out to State Senator John Jasinski and Representative John Petersburg for all their support. Pictured below Karla, Caleb's mother hugging Senator Jasinski after one of the two signs were installed. MN Dot was so helpful throughout the installation. Past District Commander Dale Wellik and I participated in the SE MN Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting in Rochester. As the Coalition develops I will share more information with all. **Finally, What have I**

**Re-learned this past month?** God gave us all TWO EARS and ONE MOUTH. Let us always be quick to listen and very, very slow to speak or share our thoughts verbally or on any Social Media. The words you say and the words you write will be engrained forever!!  
God Bless America and the American Legion Family  
Mike Parry-1<sup>st</sup> District Commander



To the 1<sup>st</sup> District American Legion Family,

A couple of weeks ago, one of the scripture lessons was from 1Kings 3:6-14. It speaks of when Solomon asked for wisdom to rule as King over the people of Israel. As I read those verses over again in the following days, I was impressed with what Solomon asked. He asked for a servant's heart and to distinguish between right and wrong. God was pleased with him and what he asked for, since he had not asked for wealth, a long life, or death to his enemies, but for discernment in administering justice. God was so pleased with Solomon that he gave to him things for which he hadn't asked, both riches and honor. As long as he walked in God's ways and obeyed his statutes and commands, God would also give him a long life.

As I thought about those verses, I wondered if they were speaking to us as Americans. This country was founded on the Word of God, yet today it seems that His Word means nothing to many or most people. What would these United States of America be like if we followed Biblical teachings and the words of our Founding Fathers? Go back and read some of the words spoken and written by those men when founding this country. And then take into account the words of Solomon in the first book of Kings. I believe those words are for us today. What would happen if the people we elected would put aside political parties and use wisdom and discernment in their decision making, to know right from wrong? I believe that's the way it used to be; but we, as Americans, have fallen short of that goal. We've not held those elected to be accountable for their actions; we've neglected to pray for those in authority.

At one time God blessed America greatly with both wealth and honor among the nations, but I see us falling from that place of honor of which we once held to the place we're in today. I fear we're falling away from God's grace. We can change that, I believe, if we would follow 2Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

We must pray for this nation, for those in charge, for the President and all those under him. Pray for those in harm's way, for those in uniform both here and overseas. Keep our veterans in your thoughts and prayers. Do a buddy-check. Help a neighbor in need.

Until next month, may the peace and grace of our Heavenly Father be with you and yours.

Larry H. Otto

1<sup>st</sup> District Chaplain

## **DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT DATES.**

**August 27 thru Sept 2 - National Convention**

**Sept 9 thru Sept 12 – Camp-O-Re at Legionville**

**Sept 11 – Department Harvest Rally – At Legionville**

**October 21 – 23 – Department Fall Conference in Mahnomon**

**November 6 – First District Fall Rally – Owatonna**

**December 4 – Department Pearl Harbor Rally – North St Paul**

**December 12 – First District Christmas Party – TBA**

**January 8, 2022 – First District Mid-Winter at Waseca Post 228**

**February 5, 2022 – Department Sweetheart Rally – Pine Island**

**Thursday February 17– First District Rally at Lewiston Post - 6 PM**

**March 12 – Department Appreciation Rally TBA—Royalton**

**March 19 – First District Jr Conference – Glenville**

**April 30 – First District Leaders combined testimonials – At Eyota**

**May 7 – First District ALR Conferences – Albert Lea**

**May 21—The First District Legion, SAL and Auxiliary Convention -  
Albert Lea**

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. However the days are getting shorter so fall will soon be here.

By now every Post should be receiving membership dues for the 2021-2022 year. We can't forget those military members living in our communities that are unaware of the American Legion. Reach out and tell them they are eligible to join. Like I said in last month's newsletter, give them a reason to join.

Some of the goals this year for each post should be to recognize those citizens within our communities that go above and beyond performing their jobs and duties. Nominate them for the National Guard member of the year, Law-Enforcement Officer of The Year, Fire Fighter of The Year Etc. We have a number of citizens within our cities that are highly qualified for these awards and should be recognized for their outstanding performances and accomplishments. Awards should be awarded to well-rounded individuals who have exceeded the duty requirements expected of his or her position. Those that have demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, coupled with professional achievement. So talk to your post members, other citizens or maybe someone you even know yourself that might be recommended for these awards.

Very soon I will be coming around to the area 4 posts to deliver the District Commands guidance and goals. His project for his year as Commander is to develop and fund Technology.

Until next month keep your members informed on what is going on in the post. Communication is very important. They want to know what's happening in THEIR POST.

Area 4 Vice Commander  
Wes Halverson

### A GOOD REASON TO JOIN

A leading reason to be a member of the American Legion or the Auxiliary is you join the strongest nonpartisan voice for veterans at the State Capitol. We work with lawmakers, lawyers, lobbyist, special interests and others to ensure veterans' concerns are heard.

Read here what veterans-related legislation passed the 2021 Legislature.

<https://mnlegion.org/what-veterans-related-bills-passed-the-legislature-in-2021/>

Greetings Bother Legionnaires!

As I am the new Area 1 Vice Commander, let me introduce myself. Three years ago, I retired after 20 years as an Infantry Officer in the United States Army. I currently own and operate a cash crop farm near Lewiston, MN. This is my first foray into the Legion beyond the Post level. That means I am not an expert by any means. However, I am surrounded by very knowledgeable people throughout the leadership of the 1<sup>st</sup> District. I am pleased to answer any questions you have or show up for any events that you have going on. We are all in this together.

This year, National chose not to send member labels with the membership renewal packet. Places like Wal-Mart sell sheets of labels (you will want to buy the 1 inch by 2 5/8-inch labels that come 30 to a sheet). Your Adjutant should have an account on MyLegion.org. There is a tab for membership labels for your Post in your Post MyLegion.org account. This way you can print your own labels. I've used it, it works

Lastly, let us all take a moment to say a prayer for the Americans, and our allies, that are in Afghanistan. I am lucky in that all my interpreters from my tour got out of country years ago. As members of the United States military, we view ourselves as a force for good and right in the world. It has been ever thus for most of our time as a nation. Let us never forget the moral obligations that we incur while conducting our nation's business when we deploy. Duty, Honor, and Service should not be buzzwords, they should be how we live our lives and conduct ourselves.

Area One Vice Commander

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Hello Legionnaires,

To start off, just a reminder: Do not sit on membership renewals or new members. Please process as soon as they are received.

In this newsletter I have included the membership report. It is a pared down version of the old one. This reflects the renewals, PUFL's and new members that are currently posted on mylegion by National. At this time, National is not providing a membership report.

If your post mails in membership it can take 6-8 weeks for processing at this time. The next renewal cut off date is 9/9/2021. It is possible some of your members will receive a renewal notice.

Please be patient as National works out the remaining issues on my legion and we get out to do training.

I will be calling the membership director at each post to discuss my legion. Access to it and for those already using it, taking any questions. With the current lag time of mailed in memberships, your post should consider getting access to the website and using it. You would no longer have to mail in the 1st half of the cards and processing time is down to 6-8 days instead of weeks.

If your membership director is not the commander or adjutant, the commander or adjutant need to have access to mylegion first to delegate authority to the membership director. National has already assigned access to the commander and adjutant.

Please do not attempt to register on mylegion until you check with district leadership to see what email address National has on file or if there is one on file. Your email address must be an exact match. District leadership can update or add email addresses.

If you have any questions, please call district leadership first. We need to follow the chain of command. Any questions that we can't answer we will send up to Department.

Thank you,

Mary Hanson  
1st District Membership  
Director

### DISTRICT AREA VICE CMMANDERS REP[ORT FOR Sept 29, 2021

		Vice Commanders											
		Area One				970	0	1264	2951	42.83%	0	0	
		Area Two				424	0	512	1606	31.88%	0	0	
		Area Three				380	0	424	1370	30.95%	0	0	
		Area Four				724	0	749	1607	46.61%	0	0	

# The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2022 Membership Report for August 29, 2021

Dist	Post	Location	New 2022	PUFL 2022	Online 2022	Trad 2022	Paid 2022	HQ Trans 2022	Total Membr 2022	Goal 2022	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2022	Last yr at this dae
1	9	Winona	0	0	0	0	0	0	195	505	38.61%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	73	13.70%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	135	74.07%	0	0
1		<b>Winona County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	305	713	42.78%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	219	50.23%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	145	57.24%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	148	64.19%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	61	52.46%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	28	10.71%	0	0
1	579	Millville	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	151	45.03%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	69	62.32%	0	0
1		<b>Wabsha County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	434	821	52.86%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	0	0	0	0	0	0	427	808	52.85%	0	0
1	119	Byron	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	130	16.15%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	283	67.14%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	16	56.25%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	180	47.78%	0	0
1		<b>Olmsted County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	733	1417	51.73%	0	0
1		<b>Area One</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1472	2951	49.88%	0	0
1	295	West Concord	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	49	30.61%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	178	15.17%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	262	59.92%	0	0
1	384	Dodge Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	81	45.68%	0	0
1	422	Claremont	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	31	58.06%	0	0
1		<b>Dodge County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	254	601	42.26%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	91	41.76%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	0	0	0	0	0	0	222	429	51.75%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	36	16.67%	0	0
1		<b>Steel County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	266	556	47.84%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	50	56.00%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	288	60.76%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	88	64.77%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	23	52.17%	0	0
1		<b>Waseca County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	272	449	60.58%	0	0
		<b>Area Two</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	792	1606	49.32%	0	0

1	40 <sup>1</sup>	Lanesboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	109	55.05%	0	0
1	68	Spring Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	74	50.00%	0	0
1	81	Harmony	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	31	38.71%	0	0
1	94	Rushford	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	105	14.29%	0	0
1	166	Preston	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	53	64.15%	0	0
1	197	Chatfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	40	10.00%	0	0
1	299	Mabel	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	160	54.38%	0	0
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	18	44.44%	0	0
1	400	Canton	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21	28.57%	0	0
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0.00%	0	0
1	526	Peterson	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	39	46.15%	0	0
1	544	Ostrander	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	23	52.17%	0	0
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0.00%	0	0
1		<b>Fillmore County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	293	698	41.98%	0	0
1	191	Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	139	15.11%	0	0
1	249	Spring Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	149	42.95%	0	0
1	423	Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	102	41.18%	0	0
1	498	Hokah	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	8.70%	0	0
1	595	LaCrescent	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	259	61.00%	0	0
1		<b>Houston County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	287	672	42.71%	0	0
1		<b>Area Three</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	580	1370	42.34%	0	0
1	56	Albert Lea	0	0	0	0	0	0	307	522	58.81%	0	0
1	264	Glenville	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	70	52.86%	0	0
1	266	Hartland	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	7.14%	0	0
1	317	Emmons	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	48	60.42%	0	0
1	404	Alden	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	98	8.16%	0	0
1	552	Freeborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	32	15.63%	0	0
1		<b>Freeborn County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	387	784	49.36%	0	0
1	91	Austin	0	0	0	0	0	0	262	474	55.27%	0	0
1	105	Lyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	84	51.19%	0	0
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	42	50.00%	0	0
1	146	Adams	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	151	49.67%	0	0
1	161	LeRoy	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	56	51.79%	0	0
1	570	Austin Spam	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	16	56.25%	0	0
1		<b>Mower County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	439	823	53.34%	0	0
1		<b>Area Four</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	826	1607	51.40%	0	0
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1		<b>District Totals</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	3670	7534	48.71%	0	0



# 1<sup>st</sup> District

## American Legion

### Department of Minnesota

#### Good morning

My project for my year as Commander is to develop and fund 'Technology.' Why technology? It is a proven way to reach the young veteran. Through all social media. Telling the American Legion story to the masses. Think about the past 20, 30 & 40 years. How has technology changed. I believe if we, the 1st District, don't keep up with current technology we will be left behind. Losing what contact we could have with the younger veteran. We need to make sure our platforms (ie. Facebook, Website, TikTok, Instant messaging, Instagram, Snapchat and so on) meet the needs of the younger veteran and will pull them into the American Legion as members. So how do we get started? Very easy I must admit. I'm asking for two things. **First, I'm asking that each Post, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders member to send in just \$1.00. Yup, that's it, just \$1.00 per member** to help make significant change in the Districts Technology. Secondly, **I'm asking each Post that has gambling to designate \$200 towards the new District Technology Fund.** What will all this accomplish? First, the District Membership Director and our Adjutant need to be updated with technology (ie. Laptops) to be able to do what's being asked by Department and National as well as what I'm asking them to do for the 1<sup>st</sup> District. Our Facebook page and website need extra helping hands to be able to reach out to potential younger veterans, Auxiliary, SAL and Rider members. From there the opportunities are endless. I can't do it alone, but the American Legion Families together can and will make a big difference. For less than a cup of coffee or can of pop, you can make a difference. I would ask that you and your American Legion Family help me with my goal. You can collect a \$1.00 from each member and send the collection to District Finance Officer, Bill Goede, 630 3rd Ave NW, Plainview, MN 55964. Together we are going to make a difference. Thank you, Commander for your time and consideration.

God Bless America and all Veterans!

Mike Parry-District Commander  
American Legion 1<sup>st</sup> District

Good day all,

Given the recent events we've been seeing and hearing about in Afghanistan, I wanted to share a Vantage Point posting with you all. There are no doubt mental health impacts of these events on our Veterans, Service Members and their families (SMVF). Please read/watch and pass onto whomever might benefit from hearing the work they did in service continues to matter. [Afghanistan: How Veterans can reconcile service | Vantage Point](#)

As was requested yesterday, below are some VA resources to share with SMVF who may need some extra support during this time.

From VHA Chief of Staff:

If you are a Veteran or know of a Veteran who is having a hard time, VA has a variety of resources and tools you can use or share:

[VHA mental health services](#), including how family members can assist a Veteran in crisis  
[Veterans Crisis Line: Suicide Prevention Hotline](#) at 1-800-273-8255 press 1

Finding local mental health services and resources: [Resources | Videos & Info for Military Veterans | Make the Connection](#)

Information on how to access immediate care and/or book a mental health appointment: [VA Mental Health Services | Veterans Affairs](#)

[Vet Center resources](#) are also available and include counseling, there is also a toll-free number: 877-WAR-VETS

As we continue to hear more about the events in Afghanistan and in the lead up to the 20th anniversary of 9/11, we anticipate a continued surge in demand for mental health services. We are preparing additional resources to help Veterans and VHA staff alike who are struggling with mental health, stress or burnout and we will be distributing them broadly. We are also encouraging Veterans to check in with their fellow Veterans via Buddy Check. For more information and resources associated with Buddy Check, please check with your local Veterans Service Organizations as many of them sponsor this program.

Please remember your service to our country matters, and you should remain proud of your sacrifice. Let's all take care of each other.

Thank you all for you do for Veterans!

Thank you all for supporting our SMVF. Take care of yourselves and be well.

Andrea

Regards,

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## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021

The resolutions you write at the post level and pass through district and department get considered at the National Convention. Be proud we are a grass root organization. Anyone can participate.

First District American Legion Family members at the District Picnic at Grand Meadow. A big THANK YOU to the Grand Meadow Legion Family for being great hosts and to everyone who made the picnic a success.



More District members present at the picnic. Good comradeship and fun was had by all.

Lake City— 23 August, 2021 — TODAY MEMBERS OF LOUIS MCCAHER, AMERICAN LEGION POST 110 PRESENTED MR. HARVEY HALPAUS WITH A PAID LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO POST 110. MR. HALPAUS SERVED IN THE MERCHANT MARINES DURING WWII. HE WILL CELEBRATE HIS 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ON 25 August 2021.

Photograph - Left to Right: Steven Brandt (Post 110), Harvey Halpaus, Dick Grobe (Membership Chairman Post 110)



## 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 64 dedicated monuments and 76 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. Three benches have already been promised. Fundraising efforts are ongoing 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.

Groundwork for the monument will begin Spring 2021 with the hopes of dedicating this meaningful gift Fall of 2021.

Please send your donations to: CPL Curtis M Swenson Memorial Fund  
 Attention; MN Gold Star Monument Committee  
 4520 58<sup>th</sup> LN NW  
 Rochester, MN 55901

Direct questions to: Scott Eggert 507-993-2414 or  
 Dave Swenson 507-206-8479

Thank you for your continued support of our Military, Veterans and Their Families



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

[cmsmemorialfund.org](http://cmsmemorialfund.org)

**52ND ANNUAL LEGIONVILLE  
CAMP-O-REE  
SEPTEMBER 9TH  
THROUGH 12TH**



**MUSIC, FOOD, CAMPING, FUN  
ALL TO BENEFIT LEGIONVILLE**

**Pork Chop Dinner  
Pork Roast  
Fish Fry  
Omelet Breakfast**

**BINGO  
Pull-Tabs  
Raffles  
Music**

**Organized activities begin Thursday  
RV Hook-ups, Camping, and Dormitories Available  
Bring your own linens and blankets**

**\$10 per day per person to stay overnight on property  
Up to \$75 Family Maximum  
\$5 per day for day visitors  
Ages 3 and under, FREE**

**All active Military are free on Saturday**

**This is a fundraiser for Legionville School Safety Patrol  
Training Center. All fees are non-refundable.  
Schedule subject to change. Event held rain or shine.  
Questions: email [legionvillecamopree@gmail.com](mailto:legionvillecamopree@gmail.com)**

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# A FEW PICTURES FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION



Chaplain Larry and Past President Wanda at the National Convention in Phoenix.



Some of the Minnesota personal who are in Phoenix for the National American Legion Convention



Above  
The Memorial Service at the National Convention in Phoenix



Some of our First District representatives at the National Conventions (Bill Goede is missing)



Right  
The Minnesota delegation to the National Conventions.

19 Top Four pictures are of the “Headquarters” building the Mower County Historical Society allows the Veteran Organizations of Mower County use during the Fair week.




New Veterans Memorial in LeRoy, MN

People attending the Dedication of the Memorial in LeRoy on July 18, 2021 put on by American Legion Post 161 Family.

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.



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Auxiliary Contacts

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Here we are at the start of a new Auxiliary year. I listed below the new First District Officers and Chairman's list for 2021-2022 year. I have quite a few blank lines to filled for some chairman positions. In the list below they are in yellow if the chairman is still open. If you are interested in a district chairman position, please let me know as soon as possible.

I traveled through the First District on the Legacy Ride done by the Department of Minnesota Legion Riders on the second weekend of August. This is a fundraiser that gives to the children who have lost a military parent or has a parent 50% or more disabled from 911 and send them through college. Throughout the two weekends they collected approximately \$150,000.

Please mark your calendars for September 11, 2021, there is the Department Harvest Family Gathering at Legionville in Brainerd, MN. Also, on October 22-23, 2021, there will be the Fall Conference at Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomon, MN for Department. Please participate in these events. They are a lot of fun and you can meet new people.

We are also starting the kickoff for membership. Remember membership is everyone's responsibility within the organization. Hopefully we can work together as a team and reach our goals this year. An easy way to renew membership online is to go [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) tap "join" and the drop-down menu brings you right in. Together we can do it!

The Department Auxiliary President, Patti Coleman, is collecting children's pajamas of all sizes so that the veteran's children have a nice, new warm pair of pajamas when they arrive at the Eagles Healing Nest. Please consider donating to this project.

Nancy Lewison is the Children and Youth chairman for the Department of MN and the First District. She is asking if anyone is interested in making pillowcases for children with veteran parents that may need one. Try and make these children feel welcome and be in comfort. If you want more details please let me know or Nancy Lewison.

Robin Dorf is the Department Chaplain and is doing a weekly prayers email. These emails include week's prayer concerns, things we are thankful for, those members with health concerns, those who have lost someone, prayers for celebration and prayers heard. She is always looking for ideas and concerns going on in Minnesota. If you want these emails from Robin or have some thoughts, you would like to add. Please let me know and I will be sure to pass this information along.

Please have a wonderful month and I hope to see everyone soon.

Thank you,  
Tonia Bettermann  
1<sup>st</sup> District Auxiliary President

## 1st District Officers &amp; Chairman for 2021 - 2022

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Poppy								

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Constitution & By-Laws								
Music								

## FROM YOUR HONORARY JR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Summer went by so fast! Everyone is starting school and the trees are just beginning to change. I am just beginning my sophomore season of volleyball and cheerleading. This past month has been amazing! Jr Fun Weekend was an absolute blast. Highly recommended. The juniors from the Leroy unit 161 did a great job helping with the blood drive. Unfortunately, with covid.. only ages 16+ could help. The younger kids always smile and bring so much joy to everyone.

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

Taylor McElroy—First District Honorary Jr Auxiliary President

## 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. Believevet™ 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. Believevet™ 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

Believevet™ 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, Believevet™ cares for and trains our service dogs to become ADA-approved and certified. During this time the dogs live with a foster family.
2. Believevet™ 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. Believevet™ provides all equipment free of charge.
3. Graduation! Once training is complete, the dog and veteran graduate. The Believevet™ service dog goes to live with the veteran.

#### Our Facility

Believevet™'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: [believevet.org](http://believevet.org)



LeRoy Jr Auxiliary members along with Sr member Judy Orum (right) helping with the cantina for the LeRoy American Legion Family Blood Drive which is held in August of each year. We designate this as our post Patriotic Day observance.

## Children and Youth

Part of Department President Patti's project this year is to provide new pajamas (of all sizes) to children of veterans who are in crisis. Monetary donations will be helpful to purchase pack n plays and toddler beds.

She has asked us to "shower" her with PJ's at fall conference. Bring them along or send them with someone you know that is attending the conference.

My project this year is to provide children pillowcases for children in crisis. Help us by making a cheerful, cozy pillowcase that a child will have to keep and take home. We will distribute these through The Eagles Healing Nest and other outlets.

I know many of you are a talented seamstress or quilter and this could be a unit fun day project. You will find many easy patterns by searching for: hot dog pillowcase pattern pdf.

Nancy Lewison

1<sup>st</sup> District Children & Youth Chairman

Membership is important to any organization and though I'm very new to this organization, I will work with you all to help achieve our goals needed to be successful. The theme this year is "Together, We Can Do It" and the #1 goal is 1 over than last year's total for your unit, for a total of 423 more for Minnesota on July 31<sup>st</sup>. One item we are working on is getting "great granddaughters" added to the membership eligibility.

Membership is everyone's responsibility. Hopefully we can "All Work Together", the units, the district, & the department, to make Minnesota reach our goals for the year. Get your new members in quickly and don't hold them back as it could raise serious legal questions with regards to their membership and benefits. Upcoming dates for membership turn in are September 9-11 at Department Legionville rally and the Fall Conference October 21-23<sup>rd</sup> at Mahnommen.

Please send in your membership ASAP. An easy way to do this is to renew online. Go to [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) tap "join" and the drop-down menu brings you right to it. Please make sure you are using the correct 2022 forms. I have a few with me if you need them.

Lastly, I would like to share information that was found on the Department of Kansas Facebook page. I find it to be truly fitting for all state's departments!!!!

People ask me how to get potential members to join?

The best way is to share what the organization does and has done. Talk to them about what just being a member does for our voice, our opportunity to speak to Congress about Veteran's issues and how our voice is heard because of the numbers that it represents.

But for me the strongest reason to be a member of the ALA is to teach our children, our young people about this country. About Patriotism, about honoring those who served.

Think about it. What if one day there is no one to place flags on soldiers' graves. There was no one who cared, knew how important it was that we never forget their sacrifices. One day there was no one to play taps and give honors at veterans' funeral. All this because organization like ours slowly disappeared. We lost members, then units. Communities would not have Legion and auxiliary members teaching young people about the flag and the proper way to hold it, fold it, & display it. There would be no one to encourage learning the Constitution of the US with Oratorical contests. No one to encourage good citizenship by getting out to vote, encouraging citizens to contact their representatives about issues that affect our veterans and the community through the legislation program. No one would be there to encourage community service, Americanism, Leadership.

We sometime forget that without organizations like the AL family who in your community would make sure every Veterans Day, every Memorial Day those that sacrificed so much were remembered and honored.

I am sad to think that one day there will be no one to do and to teach all the wonderful things we do. We need to not take these things for granted and work to ensure that there will always be the ALA there to help, to teach and to remember.

Let's all work hard this year to help all our units achieve their goals. I have included my contact information below. Please feel free to ask questions or to contact me to get more information. I will try my best to get the answers for you.

Kathy Fredrickson, 1<sup>st</sup> District Membership  
709 Johnson Street  
Albert Lea, MN 56007  
507-438-1568 (call or text)

## ALL First District AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS

September 2021

Auxiliary Membership Eligibility Change Campaign

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Did you know that the IRS defines our membership eligibility requirements for the American Legion Auxiliary? And that in 2003 they amended the Veterans' Organization eligibility requirements to allow for membership of everyone in a veteran's direct lineage and their spouse/widow/widower? But never changed the membership requirements for the Auxiliaries?

I am working to get the IRS to change the Auxiliary membership eligibility requirements to be the same wording as the Veterans' Organization membership eligibility requirements. I am proposing that the change in eligibility requirements for auxiliaries read: "Have members that are either members of the 501(c)(19) organization, spouses, widows, widowers, ancestors or lineal descendants of present or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces." This will allow all grandparents/grandchildren (regardless of their "greatness") as well as widows and widowers to be members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

I need every member of the American Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders) to send a letter to the IRS regarding Publication 3386. I have written up some templates of letters that can be used, or feel free to change them up to fit you better. Just send a letter in ASAP!

I have the letters posted in my Facebook Group – ALA Membership Change Campaign. You can find all the letters, a MS Word document for mailing labels (great for letter writing events), and a copy of the "Tax Guide to Veterans' Organizations" IRS publication 3368. I have also included a letter with blank lines that can easily be filled in with member's names and addresses for times when personalizing a letter on the computer are not feasible.

If questions we can be contacted directly through: Email: drkarlajoyce@comcast.net or text/call: Karla Joyce @651-295-5095 or myself 507-448-3438. Thank you for getting the word out and getting as many letters sent to the IRS as possible!

Sincerely, Secretary Sandy Fredrickson

# 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: <a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records">www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records</a>	
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"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts
Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother
<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Self
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Female Descendant (daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, etc.)	
<b>To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer</b>	
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
Name	Phone
Name	Phone
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.*



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

### COMMANDER

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Greetings First District American Legion Family,

Commander Chuck had a nice accident two weeks ago and separated his right shoulder. He will be seeing the surgeon on September 1st and he is not a happy camper right now.

He would like me to put out that he still has a few SAL membership packets so if your squadron is in need of one please give him a call.

First District Adjutant—Wayne Hammon Jr

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### WEST SIDE VICE COMMANDER



The Minnesota American Legion Riders presenting the National Commander a check for 174,000 dollars from the State Legacy run. It was the highest state donation in the nation once again.

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### JUDGE ADVOCATE

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## GREETING FROM THE LEGION RIDERS

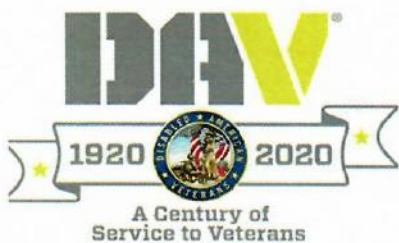
As the summer winds down the Legion Riders are looking forward to Legionville Romp the weekend of September 16-19. Members from across the state of Minnesota get together to debrief on what their Chapters have been doing, share in the success of the Dept Legacy Scholarship rides & vote on next year's officers.

Two chapters had successful fundraising rides. Austin ALR presented a check for \$13,022.22 to the Eagles Healing Nest from money raised at their Prevent 22 ride. They also had the Bob Kvam Memorial Ride on Aug 28 for college scholarships & raised over \$4000. Eyota Riders hosted a PTSD Awareness Ride with a donation to Soldier's 6 in the amount of \$2200.

Upcoming Island City Ride for Vets on Saturday, September 25 hosted by the Winona Riders. Registration is at 9am at the Winona Legion with proceeds going towards various veteran and community causes.

The Austin American Legion Riders are asking for help to purchase and letter an enclosed trailer. This trailer would be used to store their flags and tent and other supplies, and also be used for support trailer when they do their charity bike runs. We will also use it for storage of donations, picking up toys for our Santa season and much more. Please contact Roe Naylor for more information or to make a donation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Karla "Sunshine" Miller, Secretary



# 2021 DAV Pheasant Hunt



Chapter #670  
Mower County

Our 3rd Annual DAV Pheasant Hunt is scheduled for Friday October 1, 2021. This event is open to all Disabled American Veterans in Minnesota and is **FREE** to all participants. This is our way of saying thanks to the men and women who gave so much to ensure the freedoms we enjoy in this country.

**Who:** All Minnesota Disabled American Veterans who enjoy pheasant hunting.

**What:** Our 3rd Annual DAV Pheasant Hunt - AM hunt of 30 - PM hunt of 30. Sponsored by Mower County Habitat and Pheasants Forever Chapter #670

**When:** Friday October 1, 2021 - 1st Hunt 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM - 2nd Hunt 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. We will also have lunch for both groups 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - group photo @ 12:30 PM.

**Where:** Three Arrows Hunting Preserve - 78590 125th St LeRoy, MN 55951  
<http://huntthreearrows.com/index.html>

**Why:** For fun with fellow vets, enjoyment of the great outdoors and because we want to say "thank you for your service."

**Note\*** We will have 4 trac-chairs for the morning and afternoon hunts available to those who have challenges with mobility.

For More Information and to register for this event, please go to this link:  
<http://www.pfmowercountyhabitat.org/events>





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**Time: 4:00 - 7:00**

**Date: September 25th**

**Place: Stewartville  
American Legion  
Post 164**

**Grilled Half Chicken,  
Baked Beans,  
Chips, Cole Slaw,  
and Dinner Roll**



**Ticket Price  
\$13**

**Tickets Available @ Legion Bar**

