



FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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FROM YOUR COMMNADER

A Thank You goes out to the Emmons Post for the invite to their membership drive supper. It was held on September 16th. Thank you to Arnie as it was a great meal.

Also a Thank You to the Blooming Prairie Post 52 for a fine job in hosting area 2's first Rally. We had between 30 to 40 in attendance.

Let us have a real good turnout for the Fall Rally to be held in Dodge Center on October 18th. There are some very good speakers lined up to talk to us for that occasion.

i wish all kids (big and small) that go out on Halloween a safe and happy one.

Let us keep our Servicemen and women in our prayers. God Bless the United States.

Commander Myron

IMPORTANT DATES

October 18, 2014 - District One Fall Rally at Post 384 in Dodge Center. Executive Boards will be at 9:00 am with the rally starting at 10:00 am.

October 18, 2014 - Blooming Prairie SAL will be holding their 3rd annual Oster & chili feed from 5 to 7 pm. See the flyer in the SAL section for more info.

October 24 & 25, 2014 - The Department of Minnesota Fall Conference at The Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen, MN.

November 22, 2014 - Area One membership rally at Eyota Post 551. Social time 3pm rally at 4pm.

Sunday November 30, 2014 - The First District Oratorical contest in St Charles. 1pm

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ORANGE OUT
October 25, 2015 - 1:00 -4 pm

Plainview Wedgewood Park

Dress in orange to celebrate the Hunting season and Halloween.

Entertainment, food and prizes
Donation \$5 per family.

Donated to Wounded Warrior Project

Sponsored by the Plainview Chamber of Commerce and American Legion Post #179

GREETINGS FROM AREA ONE

I would like to thank Legionnaire Bill Stone for representing the First District. Bill and I worked the Legion booth at the Minnesota State Fair from 9AM to 8PM. We had a great time visiting with the representatives from the other veteran organizations, veterans, their families, and friends of veterans who stopped by our table. Bill also volunteers several times during the week at the VA Hospital.

There is a PTSD support group meeting the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30PM at the Rochester American Legion Post 92. You are welcome to join this group which was started by our local Olmsted County Service Officer.

I look forward to visiting your Post, and feel free to contact me.

Are One Vice Commander

Joe P Brown

FRYOUR ADULT SPORTS CHAIRMAN

Just a quick note to inform you that Albert Lea Post 56 is planning on hosting the First District Bowling tournament this year. Dates and times will be forth-coming.

Ralph Schneekloth

First District Adult Sports Chairman

October 14 District Facebook, Update, as I am on the Department Public Relations Committee, I have been informed that I need to give over District Facebook page. As such, District Adjutant Wayne Hammon Jr will be taking this over as interim while we search for someone to take it. If you are interested, contact the District Adjutant or myself, schneeklothr@gmail.com or 507-438-6319.

Thank you,

District Public Relations Committee Chair,
Ralph Schneekloth

Greetings From Area Two,

Fall is in the air and many pheasants dinners are coming for hospitalized veterans around the state. If your post has not contributed please consider doing so. Any contribution no matter how great or small is greatly appreciated by the veterans that are in the hospitals and veterans homes. If you are unsure of your donation please consider attending the auction in Owatonna on **Saturday, October 18th starting at 5:00 p.m.** See flyer in newsletter. We accept cash, check or plastic. When your post donates you will receive a pheasant pin. Now that October is upon us we are faced with a major decision as to what to hand out on Halloween. Consider a guest membership to your post for a local veteran who is not a member yet. Wish everyone a bountiful harvest as we prepare for our upcoming winter.

God Bless one and all.

Chuck Stone

Area Two Vice Commander

Greetings First District:

Fall is here. What a beautiful time of year. The only bad thing is what comes next.

We had a great time in Charlotte. We had a lot of good speakers and got a lot of business taken care of. We were able to walk to almost anywhere we wanted to go.

The annual Department Harvest Rally at Legionville was well attended although the number of campers was down. It was a beautiful day for the meeting although there had been a lot of rain before hand.

By the time the October Newsletter is completed we will have had our Area Two rally in Blooming Prairie. I hope we have a good turnout. Let's show Blooming our support for hosting this rally.

The District Fall Rally will be in Dodge Center October 18th. Please make plans to be in attendance. We need members at these meetings. This is how your Posts know what is going on in the district.

The Department Fall Conference will be held in Mahanomen October 24th and 25th at the Shooting Star Casino. Plan to attend this meeting. We always have a great time up there. This is where you learn more about your American Legion.

District membership is doing great. Even though we are only in fifth place we are well ahead of department target dates. Let's continue the great job you are doing and continue to send in those memberships in a timely manner.

Until next month Happy Halloween.

Area Four VIVE Commander

Les Shaunce

THIS IS JUST A LITTLE NOTE FROM OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER MIKE HELM. I THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PUT IT IN OUR NEWSLETTER SO EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THE CONTACT INFORMATION,SO I'M USING THIS AS MY ARTICLE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER.

ALSO REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR SERVICE MEM AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS.

CARROLL W. HILL AREA THREE VICE COMMANDER

Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,

The most recent data for veteran suicides – 22 a day – is heartbreaking. These are men and women who vowed with their lives to protect our great nation. They slept on battlefields, spent weeks at sea, flew over hostile territory and faced enemy fire so that we might sleep without fear at home in America.

Somewhere along the line, sometime after discharge, something happened to them. It may have been caused by post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. It may have been depression brought about by unemployment, under-employment or homelessness.

No matter the reason, mental health of veterans is an issue in need of resolve. The American Legion knows that the high suicide rate does not need to exist.

VA has broadened its ability to help veterans in crisis. In fact, family members and friends can contact VA through its suicide prevention hotline, texting service or online chat if there are concerns. Here is how you or someone you care for can reach VA during a crisis:

Chat phone number: 800-273-8255, press 1.

Texting service: 838255

Online chat service: www.veteranscrisisline.net

VA responders have participated in more than 1.25 million crisis center calls, 175,000 online chats and 24,000 texting conversations. There are many success stories and happy endings in those conversations. Still, more needs to be done to reverse the increasing number of suicides.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. But once the calendar turns to October, the threat remains. Be on the lookout for veterans who need help. Listen to them. Talk with them. Direct them to their local coordinators at www.veteranscrisisline.net. Or, if necessary, contact a counselor on their behalf.

A simple phone call, a willingness to listen or to step up with a referral for a fellow veteran can save lives. Please be on the lookout.

October 14 Chaplain message

Greetings, First District Legion Family. October is fast upon us and along with it, harvest season. Throughout the land, farmers are harvesting crops, Churches are having mission festivals and increasing the harvest of souls for the Lord, and we are well into the membership year, harvesting eligible veterans, active duty, reservists, guard and family members for the American Legion family of our First District.

We must pray and be aware that 22 veterans a day, commit suicide, this number is way too high. One is too much. As Chaplain, I offer prayer that wherever, whoever they are, and in what circumstances they might find themselves, don't despair to the point of a permanent solution to this problem. You are not alone. There are numbers you can call, online chat, etc.

Chat phone number: 1-800-273-8255, press 1, Texting service: 838255, online chat service veteranscrisisline.net. Additionally, find a veterans group be it a Facebook page American Legion, VFW, DAV etc, there has to be help. Please just reach out and don't quit.

Also, I offer prayer for all those traveling to different events, that they may all make the trip safely and have good comradeship, work together, and accomplish the mission. I also ask for prayer for all our service members deployed in harm's way, that the protection of The Lord enfold them keep them safe and bring them home to their families and loved ones. I also ask for prayers that our POW/MIA'S be found if alive, and if dead may their remains be recovered and returned home for proper burial. I also offer a prayer for our leaders, that they might adhere to The Constitution, and conduct themselves with the dignity that their office demands of them.

Feed you children, God most holy; comfort sinners poor and lowly. Jesus bread of life from Heaven, Bless the food you here have given. As these gifts your body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish, Till with saints in heavenly splendor, At your feast due thanks we render.

Feed Your Children, God Most Holy, Christian Worship

MN First District Chaplain,

Ralph Schneekloth

!!!!!!!!!! THE FIRST DISTRICT NOW HAS A FACE BOOK PAGE !!!!!!!!!!

We are happy to announce that all ten districts in the department of Minnesota now have face book pages. Ralph Schneekloth from Mabel Post 299 has volunteered to take care of the page and we want to thank him for taking that on. Our face book page is **MN FIRST DISTRICT**, please visit this page if you have a face book account and let Ralph know what you think. As of the writing of this article the face book has over one hundred likes which is great for the short time that it has been up. If you have anything to post on the District Face Book page please send it to Ralph at : rschneekloth@mabeltel.coop

FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The First District newsletter can be found on these post web sites. Please go to them and have a look. It not only will give you access to the newsletter but also to the events happening at each of these posts. They are as follows:

Albert Lea Post 56 at americanlegionpost56.com

Austin Post 91 at austinpost91.com

Rochester Post 92 at post92.org

Winona Post 9 at americalegionwinona.org (click on windjammer tab)

THE NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE MAILED OUT ANYMORE. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WANTS IT E-MAILED TO THEM PLEASE HAVE THEM SEND THEIR NAME AND E-MAIL ADDRESS TO THE DISTRICT ADJUTANT WHO'S INFORMATION IS ON THE FRONT PAGE. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER PER POST THAT HAS AN E-MAIL ACCOUNT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER AND PRINT ONE COPY OFF FOR THE POST, IF POSSIBLE. WE WANT TO GET DISTRICT INFORMATION OUT TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

I - PAD TRAINING

The Department of Minnesota will be holding I-pad training in conjunction with the Fall Conference in Mahanomen on October 24, 2014. If anyone in District One has any questions about using the I-pad or Facebook, please contact Ralph Schneekloth so he can get his training program set up before we go up to the Conference. This is a program which we could set up in the First District also if there is enough interest Any ideas or comments are more than welcome.

Ralph Schneekloth— 507/438/6319 or email at schneeklothr@gmail.com

ATTENTION

We will be holding the 1st District Oratorical Contest on Sunday November 30 in St Charles. Please get out to your schools or people you know that homeschool and let them know. Information is already on the National website (legion.org) for the assigned topics so there is no need to wait until we finally receive our packets from department. If they have any questions they can call me at 507-259-3594.

Julie Ludwig District Oratorical chairman.

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 9/25/14

POST	LOCATION		PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	708	462	0	462	65.25%	246	9/10/2014
90	LEWISTON	84	43	0	43	51.19%	41	9/10/2014
190	ST CHARLES	171	109	4	113	66.08%	58	9/24/2014
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		963	615	4	618	64.17%	345	9/24/2014
50	WABASHA	338	238	0	238	70.41%	100	9/17/2014
110	LAKE CITY	158	128	0	128	81.01%	30	9/17/2014
179	PLAINVIEW	208	134	3	137	65.87%	71	9/24/2014
546	KELLOGG	77	49	0	49	63.64%	28	9/17/2014
573	ELGIN	56	32	0	32	57.14%	24	9/10/2014
579	MILLVILLE	131	111	0	111	84.73%	20	9/10/2014
588	MAZEPPA	83	64	0	64	77.11%	19	9/17/2014
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		1051	756	3	759	72.22%	292	9/24/2014
92	ROCHESTER	1106	666	6	672	60.76%	434	9/24/2014
119	BYRON	166	102	0	102	61.45%	64	9/17/2014
164	STEWARTVILLE	327	224	6	230	70.34%	97	9/24/2014
446	ROCHESTER	10	12	0	12	120.00%	-2	9/10/2014
551	EYOTA	177	112	3	115	64.97%	62	9/24/2014
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1786	1116	15	1131	63.33%	655	9/24/2014
AREA ONE TOTALS		3800	2486	22	2508	66.00%	1292	9/24/2014
295	WEST CONCORD	68	42	6	48	70.59%	20	9/24/2014
330	HAYFIELD	250	155	0	155	62.00%	95	9/17/2014
333	KASSON	284	211	4	215	75.70%	69	9/24/2014
384	DODGE CENTER	100	63	6	69	69.00%	31	9/24/2014
422	CLAREMONT	39	27	0	27	69.23%	12	9/17/2014
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		741	502	16	514	69.37%	227	9/24/2014
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	127	79	0	79	62.20%	48	9/10/2014
77	OWATONNA	619	395	0	395	63.81%	224	9/17/2014
296	ELLENDALE	34	21	0	21	61.76%	13	9/10/2014
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		780	535	0	495	63.46%	285	9/17/2014
75	NEW RICHLAND	73	59	0	59	80.82%	14	9/17/2014
228	WASECA	345	243	8	251	72.75%	94	9/24/2014
281	JANESVILLE	115	73	0	73	63.48%	42	9/17/2014
587	WALDORF	28	15	0	15	53.57%	13	9/10/2014
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		561	390	8	398	70.94%	163	9/24/2014
AREA TWO TOTALS		2082	1427	24	1407	67.58%	675	9/24/2014
40	LANESBORO	102	54	18	72	70.59%	30	9/24/2014
68	SPRING VALLEY	88	67	0	67	76.14%	21	9/17/2014
81	HARMONY	41	24	0	24	58.54%	17	9/17/2014
94	RUSHFORD	140	96	0	96	68.57%	44	9/10/2014
166	PRESTON	79	67	0	67	84.81%	12	9/17/2014
197	CHATFIELD	57	50	0	50	87.72%	7	9/10/2014
299	MABEL	210	126	0	126	60.00%	84	9/17/2014
369	WYKOFF	21	14	7	21	100.00%	0	9/24/2014
400	CANTON	17	3	0	3	17.65%	14	9/10/2014
492	FOUNTAIN	20	14	0	14	70.00%	6	9/10/2014

526	PETERSON	35	24	0	24	68.57%	11	9/17/2014
544	OSTRANDER	27	17	1	18	66.67%	9	9/24/2014
637	WHALEN	15	14	0	14	93.33%	1	9/10/2014
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS		852	570	26	596	69.95%	256	9/24/2014
191	CALEDONIA	191	147	0	147	76.96%	44	9/10/2014
249	SPRING GROVE	189	92	0	92	48.68%	97	9/10/2014
423	HOUSTON	112	66	0	66	58.93%	46	9/10/2014
498	HOKAH	22	12	2	14	63.64%	8	9/24/2014
595	LA CRESCENT	381	249	0	249	65.35%	132	9/10/2014
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS		895	566	2	568	63.46%	327	9/24/2014
AREA THREE TOTALS		1747	1136	28	1164	66.63%	583	9/24/2014
56	ALBERT LEA	791	526	15	541	68.39%	250	9/24/2014
264	GLENVILLE	97	53	0	53	54.64%	44	9/10/2014
266	HARTLAND	20	20	0	20	100.00%	0	9/10/2014
317	EMMONS	79	47	11	58	73.42%	21	9/24/2014
404	ALDEN	104	66	9	75	72.12%	29	9/24/2014
552	FREEBORN	42	33	0	33	78.57%	9	9/17/2014
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS		1133	745	35	780	68.84%	353	9/24/2014
91	AUSTIN	736	437	14	451	61.28%	285	9/24/2014
105	LYLE	98	58	0	58	59.18%	40	9/17/2014
140	GRAND MEADOW	54	34	4	38	70.37%	16	9/24/2014
146	ADAMS	217	119	0	119	54.84%	98	9/17/2014
161	LEROY	71	34	4	38	53.52%	33	9/10/2014
570	AUSTIN SPAM	6	2	0	2	33.33%	4	9/10/2014
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		1182	684	22	706	59.73%	476	9/24/2014
AREA FOUR TOTALS		2315	1429	57	1486	64.19%	829	9/24/2014
1111	DAKOTA	32	0	0	0	0.00%	32	9/10/2014
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		9976	6478	131	6609	66.25%	3367	9/24/2014
AREA VICE COMMANDERS								
AREA ONE		3760	2487	22	2509	66.73%	1251	9/24/2014
AREA TWO		2057	1427	24	1451	70.54%	606	9/24/2014
AREA THREE		1713	1136	28	1164	67.95%	549	9/24/2014
AREA FOUR		2288	1429	57	1486	64.95%	802	9/24/2014

Many of the Posts will be having Veterans Day or membership dinners coming up. My suggestion is that you have a table set up at these functions and take advantage Membership turn in is starting to slow down. We need to keep it rolling so that it doesn't come to a standstill. of many of your members coming to these events. Especially if you are having a Veterans Day dinner. We have stalled in the rankings within Department and are still in 5th place so turn the flame up just a bit. We have already met the Veterans Day goal of 65% but have a long way to go to get to 75% by Pearl Harbor Day.

I apologize for my absence at the last rally. Not only did I have a family Members of the 1st District function to attend but there were other obligations as well. Thanks to the Post and Vice-Commanders who brought the 70 memberships were turned in at the rally in Blooming Prairie.

I want to thank Wayne for always posting the upcoming events within the District as well as Department. Sometimes I forget to turn my brain on and list the membership events in my articles. So again thank you Wayne.

Sy Fix Membership Director



Owatonna
Blooming Prairie

Minnesota Pheasant Dinners for Hospitalized Veterans

Steele County



Ellendale
Medford

September, 2014

We would like to extend an Invitation to **YOU** to attend
this year's **"Pheasants for Hospitalized Veterans" AUCTION -**

VFW Clubroom - 135 Oakdale - Owatonna

Saturday, October 18th, 2014

Silent Auction (5 - 6:45 PM)

Live Auction (7 - 10 PM)

("Happy Hour" from 5-7 PM with Meat Raffles)

Our Kitchen will be open from 5 - 8 PM - Come Eat With Us!

Serving Variety of Sandwiches w/French Fries & Onion Rings

Join the FUN & enjoy a "Night Out" with your Friends

Help Raise Some Funds for our Hospitalized Veterans!

We are hoping you will want to be a part of this great event and perhaps

Contribute Your Own Gift for the **AUCTION**. **If you have an item or items you would like to donate (large or small), please call one of the phone numbers listed below. We'd be very happy to have someone stop by and pick up your contribution...**

We'd really appreciate you taking the time to **attend our event** benefiting the veterans who reside in Veterans facilities. These Veterans look forward to this festive fall dinner every year!

Come join us this year - Bring your family, friends or neighbors along and have an enjoyable evening for a good cause...

We THANK YOU for your willing support!

Plans are underway for this year's 74th Annual "Pheasant Dinner for Hospitalized Veterans". The dinners will start mid-October at some 15 different veteran's hospitals across the state. Approximately 2,000 hospitalized veterans will enjoy pheasant, wild rice and all the trimmings. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsor these dinners, cooperatively. **Minnesota is the only state** to sponsor this unique program, which is the largest game feed of its kind in this entire country.

It's only *through your generous donations* that we can purchase the "birds" served to our veterans at these dinners. Each pheasant purchased for these dinners cost \$10.25. By the sponsorship of this dinner, we can let our hospitalized veterans know that, we, in Owatonna and Steele County do care about them. **THANKS ever so much - Hope to see you at our AUCTION!**

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Greetings members of the First District!

It has been a busy September I want to thank Kellogg Unit 564 President Gloria Hager for the pleasure of participating in the Watermelon Festival Parade on September 7. September 21, I was welcomed by La Crescent Unit 595 President Sandy Nowlan for the Applefest parade. As always a good time and good turn out by the American Legion Riders thank you Scuffy Paulson. I also had the privilege of attending the Mabel Unit 299 membership dinner September 27. Thank you to President Sheri Marquardt and Louise Kleiboer the lasagna and garlic toast were delicious.

I would like to congratulate Sy Fix of Post 595 and the Legion 1st District Membership on his honor of being named Man of the Year for the La Crescent Applefest. I cannot imagine a better choice for everything he does for the Legion and the community.

I have contacted each unit President either by snail mail or email and plan on doing that at least once a month. Please let me know if you did not receive the communication. If you have an email that you are willing to share I would appreciate it.

Upcoming events are Fall Rally October 18 starting at 10am in Dodge Center and Fall Conference October 23, 24, 25 in Mahanomen. I hope to see many of you there.

Please let me know if your Unit is having a special event and I will try to attend. You can contact me by phone 507-551-2058 or by email michelleweaver595@gmail.com.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans. God Bless America and the American Legion Family.

Michelle Weaver
President

The monthly focus for the Auxiliary are as follows:

October Education & Constitution and By Laws Month

November Past President's Parley Month

December Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Month

January National Security & Legislative Month

February Americanism Month

March Community Service Month

April Children & Youth Month

May Poppy Month

June Girls State Month

July Department Convention Month

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	Joyce Olson	1930 Wilby Rd, Albert Lea, MN 56007	olson1930@charter.net	507-373-2896
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Junior Activates	JoEllen Isenberg	516 Maple Lane, Spring Valley, MN 55975	wjisenberg@hotmail.com	507-346-7524/507-259-1940
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TREASURERS CORNER-----

To all Units in District One-this is an annual fee for each Unit----

This is the per capita amount for 2014-2015. Every Unit has an annual \$10.00 District Junior Fee also. Please double check to make sure my math is correct. Please review the budget to see how it is broke down and how your district dollars are spent.

This will only be printed this mailing --so please keep for future reference and inform your treasurer!

	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Junior Dues</u>	<u>Total Members</u>
Adams	\$188.75	\$10.00	151
Albert Lea	\$486.25	\$10.00	389
Alden	\$73.75	\$10.00	59
Austin	\$240.00	\$10.00	192
Blooming Prairie	\$153.75	\$10.00	123
Byron	\$118.75	\$10.00	95
Caledonia	\$108.75	\$10.00	87
Chatfield	\$40.00	\$10.00	32
Claremont	\$33.75	\$10.00	27
Dodge Center	\$120.00	\$10.00	96
Elgin	\$40.00	\$10.00	32
Emmons	\$32.50	\$10.00	26
Eyota	\$153.75	\$10.00	123
Fountain	\$25.00	\$10.00	20
Freeborn	\$81.25	\$10.00	67
Glenville	\$136.25	\$10.00	104
Grand Meadow	\$91.25	\$10.00	82
Harmony	\$58.75	\$10.00	45
Hartland	\$27.50	\$10.00	22
Hayfield	\$227.50	\$10.00	182
Hokah	\$25.00	\$10.00	20
Houston	\$175.00	\$10.00	140
Janesville	\$77.50	\$10.00	62
Kasson	\$201.25	\$10.00	161
Kellogg	\$188.75	\$10.00	151
LaCrescent	\$318.75	\$10.00	255
Lake City	\$117.50	\$10.00	94
Lanesboro	\$116.25	\$10.00	93
LeRoy	\$95.00	\$10.00	76
Lewiston	\$52.50	\$10.00	42
Lyle	\$76.25	\$10.00	61
Mabel	\$176.25	\$10.00	141

Mazeppa	\$67.50	\$10.00	54
Millville	\$61.25	\$10.00	49
New Richland	\$90.00	\$10.00	72
Ostrander	\$22.50	\$10.00	18
Owatonna	\$165.00	\$10.00	132
Peterson	\$37.50	\$10.00	30
Plainview	\$237.50	\$10.00	190
Preston	\$31.25	\$10.00	25
Rochester	\$236.25	\$10.00	189
Rushford	\$103.75	\$10.00	83
Spring Grove	\$171.25	\$10.00	137
Spring Valley	\$67.50	\$10.00	54
St. Charles	\$130.00	\$10.00	104
Stewartville	\$235.00	\$10.00	188
Wabasha	\$175.00	\$10.00	140
Waldorf	\$38.75	\$10.00	31
Waseca	\$306.25	\$10.00	245
West Concord	\$45.00	\$10.00	36
Whalan	\$28.75	\$10.00	23
Winona	\$248.75	\$10.00	199
Wykoff	<u>\$21.25</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>17</u>
TOTAL	\$6582.50	\$530.00	5266 members

First District goal this year 2014-2015 is 5847—let's DO IT! Our budget is built on the membership. As membership declines we struggle to balance our budget!

As many of you compare to previous years you will see how many members you have lost/not retained. Some units 30-40 members and the loss is not all through deaths. What are we doing wrong? Let's change our ATTITUDES this year and have District One make GOAL! Please make sure you read the membership letter as the goal is set by Department. Most all units are increased by 11%. ---IT is NOT

UPCOMING EVENTS PUT ON BY FREEBORN UNIT 552

1. Gilmore-Stensrud Post 552 Auxiliary in Freeborn will be hosting a Community Coffee Time on November 15, 2014 at the Freeborn Legion Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m.
2. Gilmore-Stensrud Post 552 Auxiliary in Freeborn will be hosting a Christmas Potluck and Bingo Party on December 7, 2014 starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Freeborn Legion Hall.
3. Gilmore-Stensrud Post 552 Auxiliary in Freeborn will be hosting a Soup N' Dessert on January 17, 2015 with serving time 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Freeborn Legion Hall.

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

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

Ladies--- we must stop the slide! We must start "asking" others to join our organization. Membership chairman Pat is hoping each one of us will work with her to put the First District back on top! We have done it before and can do it again!! If we all work together great things can be accomplished!

The district junior dues are used for the juniors for their district and department conferences. Junior Conference will be held in Stewartville this year. The First District will be hosting it.

Enclosed in this mailing is a listing of your UNITS per capita for 2014-2015. Your per capita is based on your membership as of July 31, 2014 (multiply it by \$1.25 per member). Example: if your Unit had 160 members, your amount due to the District is \$200.00.

On this same sheet you will note every Unit has District Juniors dues of \$10.00.

Please mail your per capita and district juniors dues to me, not the Department. Please help me get this done earlier this year. Last year some Units didn't pay until April. It then becomes crunch time as the books get audited in early May, to have a preliminary report for District Convention.

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

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

My address is:

Sandy Fredrickson, 771 2nd St SW., Glenville, MN 56036.

Reminder also---only send the Department donations that are for our own Department American Legion Auxiliary programs (see your Unit guide). If it is not for the American Legion Auxiliary, i.e.: Cancer Fund, your local Red Cross or Fire Departments, etc---send those checks directly to the recipient, not the Department. The Department does not need to record these donations. You will simply include these figures in your Unit records and the annual report. This should be a cost savings in postage, to you and the Department, as Department will return them to you.

It is my hope all Units from the 1st District have filed the Form 990-N with the IRS, (for tax-exempt status). Your Unit President should be aware this is to be filed annually. All Units in the Department of Minnesota have to file this form.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call a District officer or me. We will try our best to get your questions answered.

Let's move forward this year and get our obligations paid early so we do not have to send out reminders! Let's make President Michelle and the First District proud of our great organization!

For God and Country---Sandy Fredrickson, 1st District Treasurer

!!!!!!!!!!!! AN EVENT TO REMEMBER !!!!!!!!!

THE DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA AUXILIARY JR CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE FIRST DISTRICT NEXT YEAR. STEWARTVILLE UNIT 164 WILL BE HOSTING THE CONFERENCE ON THE SECOND WEEKEND IN APRIL. I KNOW THAT THIS IS A LITTLE EARLY FOR THE NOTICE BUT I WANTED TO GET THE INFORMATION OUT.

JOELLEN ISENBERG - FIRST DISTRICT JR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT ONE AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FOR 9/24/14

#	Name	Goal	Jr's gain	Sr's gain	gain totals	Jrs to date	Srs to date	to date totals	Percent
146	Adams	168	2	33	35	2	38	40	23.81%
56	Albert Lea	432	0	0	0	2	49	51	11.81%
404	Alden	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
91	Austin	213	0	6	6	0	8	8	3.76%
52	Blooming Prairie	137	0	0	0	0	2	2	1.46%
119	Byron	105	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.95%
191	Caledonia	97	0	0	0	2	45	47	48.45%
197	Chatfield	36	0	0	0	0	4	4	11.11%
422	Claremont	30	0	0	0	0	1	1	3.33%
384	Dodge Center	107	0	0	0	0	2	2	1.87%
573	Elgin	36	0	0	0	0	1	1	2.78%
317	Emmons	29	0	14	14	0	14	14	48.28%
551	Eyota	137	0	0	0	0	3	3	2.19%
492	Fountain	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
552	Freeborn	74	0	0	0	5	43	48	64.86%
264	Glenville	115	0	0	0	2	18	20	17.39%
140	Grand Meadow	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
81	Harmony	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
266	Hartland	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
330	Hayfield	202	0	0	0	0	6	6	2.97%
498	Hokah	22	0	0	0	0	3	3	13.64%
423	Houston	155	0	0	0	0	4	4	2.58%
281	Janesville	69	0	0	0	0	8	8	11.59%
333	Kasson	179	0	8	8	1	13	14	7.82%
546	Kellogg	168	0	0	0	4	6	10	5.95%
595	La Crescent	283	0	0	0	0	10	10	3.53%
110	Lake City	104	0	0	0	0	2	2	1.92%
40	Lanesboro	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
161	LeRoy	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
90	Lewiston	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
105	Lyle	68	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.47%
299	Mabel	157	0	0	0	0	30	30	19.11%
588	Mazeppa	60	0	0	0	0	2	2	3.33%
579	Millville	54	0	0	0	0	4	4	7.41%
75	New Richland	80	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.25%
544	Ostrander	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
77	Owatonna	147	0	0	0	0	9	9	6.12%
526	Peterson	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
179	Plainview	211	0	0	0	0	4	4	1.90%
166	Preston	28	0	0	0	0	1	1	3.57%
92	Rochester	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
94	Rushford	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
249	Spring Grove	152	0	0	0	0	2	2	1.32%

#	Name	Goal	Jr's gain	Sr's gain	gain totals	Jr's to date	Sr's to date	to date totals	Percent
68	Spring Valley	60	0	0	0	0	7	7	11.67%
190	St Charles	115	0	0	0	0	15	15	13.04%
164	Stewartville	209	2	23	25	2	50	52	24.88%
50	Wabasha	155	2	5	7	2	9	11	7.10%
587	Waldorf	34	0	0	0	0	26	26	76.47%
228	Waseca	272	3	22	25	3	33	36	13.24%
295	West Concord	40	0	0	0	0	2	2	5.00%
637	Whalen	26	0	0	0	0	23	23	88.46%
9	Winona	221	0	0	0	0	7	7	3.17%
369	Wykoff	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
	1st District	5,847	9	111	120	25	507	532	9.10%

DEPARTMENT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION

At the Department Fall Conference October 24—25 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen we will have the Department Silent Auction.

Start collecting your new or gently used items to donate to the auction. Also ask the Legionaries and SAL members in your community to donate items.

In conjunction with the silent auction, we will have a cookie and jelly or jam sale. I know we have some excellent cooks out there.

Individuals, Units, or Districts are encouraged to bring theme baskets. Bring extra money and donate money for the "Celebration" Bell District Donation Wall. Bells will be available for Auxiliary members, Legionnaires, SAL and Units.

I'll see you at the Department Fall Conference, you may find something you didn't know you needed.

Jean Horack

Department Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman

FROM YOUR EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

October is Constitution & Bylaws and Education month. Our children are our future. There are several Department and National Scholarships available for our children to apply for at our schools.

Units, please make sure that you take the scholarship applications which came in your first Unit mailing to your local school. Be sure and exchange the first Department application with the one which came in the October Unit mailing as there was a mistake in the first one.

Please urge your students to apply for these scholarships but make sure they are filled out properly and that the Unit President signs them. Also check on the deadline dates when each scholarship is due.

Also remember that November 17th thru the 21st is American Education Week. Make treating and recognizing your entire school system staff a joint venture with your American Legion Post.

First District Education Chairman Sharon Hammon

DISTRICT ONE MEMBERSHIP RALLIES AND EVENTS

2014 – 2015

August 17, 2014	District One Picnic – Stewartville Park – 12:00 noon Watch for signs, if raining it will be at Stewartville American Legion Post 164
September 20, 2014	Area Two Rally at Blooming Prairie Post 52. 3 pm social time with a 4pm rally
October 18, 2014	District One Fall Rally at Dodge Center Post 384 9 am Executive Board Meetings, 10 am rally.
November 22, 2014	Area One Rally at Eyota Post 551 3 pm Social time, 4 pm rally
November 30, 2014	District One Oratorical Contest at St Charles 1 pm.
December 14, 2014	First District Christmas Party at Stewartville Post 164. 1 pm
January 17, 2015	First District Mid – Winter at La Crescent Post 595 9 am Executive Board Meetings, 10 am rally.
January 31, 2015	Area Four Rally at Glenville Post 264 3 pm Social time, 4 pm rally
March 6, 2015	Past Commander's / President's fish fry Austin Post 91, 5 pm to 7 pm
March 28, 2015	Area Three Rally at Spring Grove Post 249 3 pm Social time, 4 pm rally
April 11, 2015	First District Commander's Testimonial at Dodge Center Post 384, 6 pm
April 18, 2015	First District President's Testimonial at Winona Post 9, 6 pm
May 15 & 16, 2015	First District Convention at Waseca Post 228

Department Membership Rallies and Events

September 6, 2014	Harvest Rally – Legionville Membership turn in from 3 to 4 pm, Program at 4:30 Dinner to follow
October 24 & 25, 2014	Department Fall Conference at Mahnomen, MN Shooting Star Casino
November 22, 2014	Department President’s Testimonial At Ossceo Post 172 at 6pm
December 6, 2014	Pearl Harbor Rally at Apple Valley Post 1776 Membership turn in from 3 to 4:30 pm Dinner at 5pm with the program following
February ?	The National Commander’s Tour of Minnesota
February 7, 2015	Sweetheart Rally at Chanhassen Post 580 Membership turn in from 3 to 4:430 pm Plated Dinner at 5pm with the program following
March 7, 2015	American Legion Family Appreciation Rally & Department Executive Board Meeting Royalton Post 137 – Membership turn in from 3 – 4:30 pm Plated Dinner at 5pm with the program following
April 25, 2015	Spring Round Up Rally – Duluth Post 71 Membership Turn In from 2 to 3 pm Program will be at 3:30 pm with dinner to follow
July 16 – 18, 2015	Department Convention at Redwood Falls, MN

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S DUTIES

THIS GOES WITH THE OFFICER DUTIES THAT WERE IN LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER. PLEASE COPY OFF BOTH OF THEM AND KEEP THEM FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY

FUND:

Is responsible for having a Silent/Live Auction at Mid-Winter Conference. Needs to ask for approval to where Auction funds will go at the first meeting of the District Executive Committee meeting. At District Convention be prepared to present certificates as designated by District Standing Rules.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by District Standing Rules.

1. The *District Child Welfare Gavel Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit having a membership of 15-75 and judged to have the most outstanding Children and Youth report.
2. The *Sylvia Bremer Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit having a membership of 76-200 and judged to have the most outstanding Children and Youth report.
3. The *Cindy Nelson Award* is to be awarded to the Unit judged to have the most outstanding, well-rounded Children and Youth report,

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated in the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Evelyn Lyke Community Service Trophy* will be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Community Service project.
2. The *Berenice Smith Community Service Award* is to be awarded, based on the size of the unit, to the Unit judged to have the most outstanding piece of work in Community Service. A narrative report of 500 words or less on this one project is to be attached to Unit annual report. Pictures and clippings may be included.

EDUCATION:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as

also designated by District Standing Rules.

1. The *Mildred Holtz Gavel Bell Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Education and Scholarship report.

FIELD SERVICE:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Bonnie Burns Field Service Trophy* is awarded to Unit with best all-around Field Service report.

FINANCE

Shall consist of a rotating committee of 3 members. A 3-year member, a 2-year member and a 1-year member, with the 1-year member being the chairman and new member being the 3-year member. The committee shall be responsible for preparing the budget for each administrative year and for auditing the treasurer's books at the end of the business year. The new member (3 year member) is appointed by the incoming District President.

GIRLS STATE:

Shall be responsible to seek bids from bus companies to transport First District Girls Staters to the Girls State session, using the lowest bid. Bus to be a coach bus. Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present certificates as designated by District Standing Rules.

HISTORY:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. Two copies of the District History will be given to the District President, one for her personal file and one for the District permanent file. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Irene Martin History Trophy* will be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around typed History report.

HOME SERVICE:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated in the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Loretta Loechner Trophy* is to be awarded for the best all-around Home Service report based on size of Unit.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES:

The District Junior Activities Chairman shall appoint three (3) Senior Members to review and update Junior Standing Rules each year before the conference, one member being the District Parliamentarian, who will act as Chairman. Shall meet with District President and District Junior President to arrange District Junior Conference. Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Bev Giardino Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit which best encourages and supports their junior group. Special emphasis may be on patriotism, service to our veterans and their families, education or encouraging junior members to continue their association after they reach 18. A **narrative report** describing how the Unit encourages and supports their junior group is to be sent by April 15 to the current First District Junior Activities Chairman for judging.

LEADERSHIP:

Is responsible to have a Leadership School/School of Instruction (at a location of her choice) for all officers and members to be held in September or October of each administrative year. At District Convention be prepared to present certificates as designated by District Standing Rules

LEGISLATION:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Betty Berg and Louella Gusa (B & L) Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Legislative program.

MEMBERSHIP:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also in the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Marie Goede Membership Trophy* is awarded to the Unit attaining the greatest increase on number of members by the first Department Membership Bulletin in May in each administrative year.
2. The *Glenda Osmundson Gavel Bell Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit with the largest percentage of increase in membership during the year.
3. The *Lynette Hillman Wolff Membership Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit attaining the highest percentage of increase in Junior Membership of the previous year, as of Wednesday the week of District Convention.
4. The *Carol Kruger Membership Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit with the greatest number of members over all time high as of 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, the week of District Convention.

MEMORIAL:

Shall coordinate District Memorial Service with District Chaplains of the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion. Shall prepare a list of deceased District Auxiliary members for District Auxiliary Memorial Service. Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by District Standing Rules.

1. The *Jenny Miller Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Memorial report.
2. The *Audrey Erwin Memorial Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit judged to have the single, most outstanding memorial project for the year. Photos and clippings may be included but are not required.

MUSIC

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates and as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Lois Deyo Music Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit who submits the best **narrative report**, 300 words or less, stating how they used and promoted music within the Unit and community. Report is to be sent to current First District Music Chairman.

NATIONAL SECURITY: Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

1. The *National Security Trophy* will be awarded to the Unit who submits the best all-around **narrative report** not to exceed 500 words. Photos and clippings may be included.

NOMINATING: Shall consist of a rotating committee of 3 members; two of which should be past District Presidents. A 3-year member, a 2-year member and a 1-year member; With the 1-year member being the chairman and the new member being the 3-year member. The new member (3 year member) is appointed by the incoming District President. It will be the responsibility of this committee to find qualified candidates for office for the coming year should there be no endorsed candidates. This committee MUST receive the endorsements for district offices.

PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY: Shall be the District's Immediate Past President. She is responsible for notification to Past District Presidents in the death or illness of a Past District President. She is responsible for arrangements and invitations to the Past District President's Parley Luncheon, and working with the Legion in arranging the Past District President's/Secretaries Dinner at District Convention.

1. The *Pat Johanssen Trophy* is awarded to the Unit who submits the best all-around narrative report written by the Chairman of the Past Presidents Parley in 300 words or less. Report to be sent to current First District Past Presidents Parley Chairman

POPPY: Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Lillian Koch Trophy* is to be awarded annually to the Unit with the greatest percentage of increase over their previous year of poppy proceeds. **To be eligible for this trophy, a unit MUST include the dollar amount of poppies from each of the last two years on the Unit annual report.**
2. The *Marge Schreiber Traveling District Poppy Queen Trophy* is to be presented to the Unit judged to have submitted the most outstanding **narrative report** for First District Poppy Queen. Entry to be sent to the current First District Poppy chairman by April 15th.
3. District awards for Poppy posters shall be \$5.00 – first prize; \$3.00 – second prize; \$2.00 – third prize in each class. The classes or the Poppy Poster contest are as follows:
 - a. Class I – Grades 2 and 3
 - b. Class II – Grades 4 and 5
 - c. Class III – Grades 6 and 7
 - d. Class IV – Grades 8 and 9
 - e. Class V – Grades 10 and 11
 - f. Class VI – Grade 12
 - g. Class VII – students with special needs*

*Special needs is defined as those students in special education classes or on a waiting list to enter such a class; a student with an identified disability but not in a special education class for reasons other than wait listing.

4. The *Carol Kruger Traveling Poppy Queen Crown* to be used annually to crown the District Poppy Queen at District Convention. Crown must be returned before District Convention each year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

1. The *Anna Schmitz Public Relations Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit judged to have the best all-around Public Relations report.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Is responsible for compiling all Unit Annual Reports and completing and mailing the necessary information on the Department Annual Report Form by due date as indicated by the Department office. At District Convention be prepared to present trophies, awards, and/or certificates as also designated by the District Standing Rules.

1. The *District Rehabilitation Gavel Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit having membership of 15 to 75 and judged to have the most outstanding Rehabilitation report.
2. The *Gladys Johnson Gavel Bell Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit having membership of 75-200 and judged to have the most outstanding Rehabilitation report.
3. The *Maureen Patterson Trophy* is to be awarded to the Unit having membership of 201 or more and judged to have the most outstanding, well-rounded Rehabilitation report (any work done in any hospital performed by the committee representing the Department or District and with their funds, shall not be included for credit in judging for this award), in any administrative year. The trophy shall be returned to the District each year at Convention to be used as the official District Convention gavel bell.

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR COMMANDER

I am off to school and will try to come home on week-ends. I know my team will keep membership going. We need just 50 members to meet our Oct. goal and if we get 100 we could get our Nov. goal completed.

Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. I attended the Kellogg Watermelon Fest parade at the beginning of Sept. and the La Crescent Apple Fest parade on the 21st of September which is usually the last of the season. Both were great and I even got some candy!!

Please keep moving forward on Membership and we will see you all when I can.

God Bless the USA.

SAL District Commander Peter Mueller 2014-2015

Omelet Breakfast—LaCrescent Squadron 595, 8am to 12pm on the fourth Sunday of every other month starting with August

October 5, 2014 - Houston Squadron 423 Chicken Q. Time is from 11am to 1pm. 1/2 chicken, baked beans & Cole Slaw for \$8.50

October 18, 2014—Blooming Prairie SAL will be holding their 3rd annual Oster & Chili feed from 5 to 7 pm. See the flyer in this section for more details.

FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT LEGION ADJUTANT

SAL Squadrons, I am working on putting together an SAL Squadron Directory so we can have better communications with everyone. But I need your help to get me the correct officer information as soon as possible. Please get your Squadron Officer list sent to one of your Vice Commanders so in turn they can get it delivered to me so I can put this directory together and get them printed off for delivering to all the Squadrons.

Your help with this will be greatly appreciated.

First District Adjutant Wayne Hammon Jr.

Sons of the American Legion

Please join us for our

3rd ANNUAL OYSTER STEW & CHILI FEED

Saturday, October 18th, 2014

From 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club

210 4th St NE

Just off US Hwy 218

Menu: Oyster Stew, Chili, Corn Bread, Fresh Bread, Meat, Cheese, Dessert, Milk & Coffee

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



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First District Legion Riders

VICE—PRESIDENT

Mark Smith
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The next First District ALR meeting will be held at the Dodge Center Post on Saturday, October 18th at 2:30pm. This is in conjunction with the First District Family Fall Rally which begins at 10:00am. Riders are encouraged to come and spend the day.

SECRETARY

Karla Miller
Winona, MN
507/459/5962

Rochester Riders are planning a Veterans Memorial Ride on Saturday, October 4th.

SGT AT ARMS

Kendall Bakkum
Rushford, MN
507/459/1473

Rushford will be having a gun raffle on November 1st, with the supper being held at the Houston Post.

Austin ALR is working on a chili cook off (date to be posted soon).

TREASURER

Dennis Lewison
Adams, MN
507/440/6067

The First District ALR Christmas party will be hosted by the Rochester ALR Chapter on Saturday, December 13th. Social time 5-6pm with dinner to follow.

Please contact “Scuffy” Paulson if you have questions regarding the First District American Legion Riders.

HISTORIAN

Nancy Lewison
Adams, MN

We ride to honor those who have served our country and to bring awareness to the American Legion Family.

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