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IMPORTANT DATES

October 5, 2019 - 1st & 3rd district membership training in Blooming Prairie Post 52 at 10:00 AM. This is open to one and all legionnaires.

October 12, 2019 - The First District Fall Rally. See the insert at the bottom of the page

October 25 & 26, 2019 - The Department Fall Conference at Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen, MN

November 10, 2019 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. 100 years old on this date. Legionaries please take time to honor them.

November 11, 2019 - VETERANS DAY Please take time to attend on of the many programs in your area..

November 22, 2019 - Areas One and Three Educational/ membership Rally at Winona Post 9 starting at 2:00 PM. This is new this year combining two area rallies together . So lets have a great turn to see if this works.

DISTRICT FALL RALLY AT DODGE CENTER POST 384

Executive Boards at 9:00 AM with coffee and rolls available.

Session to start at 10:00 AM.

Registration is five (5) dollars and a lunch ticket is eight (8) dollars.

Please pay registration and for lunch at the registration table.

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings first district American legion family
Thank you everyone for your service and support for all Veterans that have served and now serving for our freedom and love of country.

Saturday October 5 we will have a membership training meeting at Blooming Prairie servicemen's club post 52 at 10:00 until 12:00. All commanders membership chairman and all officers and all members are invited to join us to get this information first hand.

October 12, we will be having a rally in Dodge Center at the American legion post 384 at 10:00. E-Board at 9:00. Lunch at noon. Several speakers and more information coming.

October 24-26 is fall conference at Mahanomet. This is a Department Conference and a great time to get information right from the top.

We will be having membership dinners, a good time to get your membership paid. The sooner you can get them paid the fewer notices you will receive.

Veterans day programs in schools, nursing homes, churches, Civic organizations and your own Legion Halls.

Support and show our Veterans appreciation.

Rally in Winona post 9 is November 23.

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Remember the Auxiliary is **100** this November 10. Support them and their programs.

The Veteran's Cemetery in Preston this year won the operational excellence award (only four in the nation.)

We are still looking for a host post for the American legion district convention in May, 2020. If you can't do it this May think about it for 2021 or 2022. We have to get this scheduled very soon. Call Wayne Hammon Jr. 507-696-2707 or Dale Wellik at 507-421-5674.

Pray for our deployed troops and all service personnel that are so proudly serving our country to preserve our Freedoms.

For God and country

First District Commander

Dale Wellik

From your 1st District Legion Chaplain

To the 1st District American Legion Family,

9 months of this year have already slipped by us. As a small child, the days and months went by way too slowly. I'm at the age now where I wished they'd slow down! Time seems to just....how do I say...vanish or disappear from my day. There is never enough time in the day to accomplish what I want to do. It has nothing to do with my age, as my mind says, "I can do this", but my body says, "Are you kidding me?" I hate to admit it, but time is catching up to me. Each day I'm one step closer to leaving this earthly home, and going on to my heavenly home. From the day we were born we started the dying process--each day, another day closer to closing our eyes here on earth for the last time, only to awake in heaven.

It would be my prayer to meet each one of you there. The Bible tells me in John 14:5 & 6 that Thomas said to him (Jesus), "Jesus, Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the Way the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." If we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and put our faith in Him, we will come to the place that the Father is, and that is heaven. So believe in Jesus and one day when we leave this world, we will meet again in heaven.

Be in prayer for our service men and women, for those in active duty, in guards and reserves. Also, lift up those veterans who have served and are now trying to get back to civilian life. Many are suffering PTSD and some are choosing suicide instead of life. So please include our struggling veterans in your daily prayers. Fervent prayers of righteous people are very powerful. (James 5:16)

Until next time, may the God of peace hold each one of you in the palm of His hand.

Larry H. Otto
1st District Chaplain



Commander Dale Wellik and Membership Director Myron Ehrich shaking hands with Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Lori Gildea at the Veterans Court ribbon cutting at the Steele County Courthouse in Owatonna, MN on September 20, 2019

Hello Area One – 1st District:

Hi area one members,

I would like to thank everyone for the hard work you are doing with membership.

A big thank you to Eyota Post for hosting the Olmsted County Veterans Outreach Program. This program has a Veterans Service Officer at Post 551 Eyota every 4th Wednesday of the month from 1600hrs until 1800hrs. This is a service to help veterans who can't make it to the Rochester office for any reason.

In SE Minnesota we have troops that are being deployed. We need to reach out and help these family members by offering assistance. We are starting to organize a care package drive for troops/members. Please look for upcoming details on how you and your Post can help. For those of us who have received these care packages you know what a difference that they can make.

Another project is all counties in SE MN now have a Veterans Court. Veterans who are going through the court system are in need of mentors. If you are interested please see me for more details. In closing there will also be a Suicide Awareness class on Thursday, October 24th at the Rochester VFW at 1830hrs. This class is open to anyone who is interested in attending.

Mark A Maloney, III
Area One Vice Commander

FROM AREA FOUR

Greetings Comrades,

I have enjoyed making the rounds on post visits. Everyone has been very welcoming. If I did not make it to your post in September, I hope to attend a meeting in October.

Membership! Membership! Membership! Please do not hold any payments. Put them through as soon as you possibly can. If you are interested in processing payments through mylegion.org instead of mailing them in, let me know. I would be happy to meet and show you how to set it up. It is a very simple process and can save your membership chair a lot of time.

Please plan to attend the membership training on October 5th at the Blooming Prairie Serviceman's Club. It starts at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. I am sure there will be a lot of information to help you grow your post.

AREA FOUR CONTINUED

We will have our District Fall Rally on Oct 12th in Dodge Center. This will start at 10:00 a.m. This is a good time to renew friendships and learn something at the same time. The best way to find out what is new and happening in the Legion Family is to attend the rallies. They are put on for the members. Let's show up and support our District Commander.

Mary Hanson
Area 4 Vice Commander

Greetings from Vice Commander
James Westby

Another month has passed so this is no time to slack off? We need to work on membership first. What kind of organization do we want? Ask yourself this question, is our post the kind that can attract and offer something to younger veterans. Do we offer a wide range of services? This question goes beyond the lounge. What does your post do in the community, district or state? Remember your four pillars that make up our organization.

Upcoming District Events:

Oct. 12, 2019 District Fall Rally,
Dodge Center Post 384 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 25, 2019 Department Fall Conference , Mahnomon MN at Shooting Star Casino

Nov. 23, 2019 Area 1 & 3 Education/ Membership Rally at Winona Post 9:, starting at 2:00 PM

I hope everyone has a good and safe hunting season. God Bless America and God Bless our troops in harms way

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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DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT RALLYS 2019 – 2020

September 5,6,7,& 8 2019 - Department Camp-O-Ree – Legionville

September 7, 2019 - Department Harvest Rally – Legionville – 4 PM

October 5, 2019 – 1st & 3rd Membership Training – Blooming Prairie Post 52 –10 AM

October 12, 2019 – District Fall Rally – Dodge Center Post 384 – 10 AM

October 25 & 26, 2019 – Department Fall Conference – Mahnomen, MN
at Shooting Star Casino.

November 23, 2019 – Area 1 & 3 Educational/ Membership Rally, Winona Post
9 at 2 PM.

December 7, 2019 – Department Pearl Harbor Rally – Rosetown Post 542
Roseville, MN - 11 AM

December 15, 2019 – First District Christmas Party – Mabel Post 299 – 1 PM

January 4, 2020 – District Mid-Winter – Stewartville Post 164 – 10 AM

February 8, 2020 – Department Sweetheart Rally – Montgomery Post 79
11 AM

February 22, 2020 – Area 2 & 4 Educational/ Membership Rally – Austin Post
91 – 2PM.

March 21, 2020 – Department Appreciation Rally – LaCrescent Post 595
4 PM. (time subject to change)

_____ District Jr Conference – TBA

April 25, 2020 - Commander Wellik's testimonial – Dodge Center Post 384
5 PM social, 6 PM dinner with the program to follow.

May 2, 2020 – President Prescher's Testimonial – Stewartville Post 164
5 PM social, 6 PM dinner with the program to follow.

May 15 & 16, 2020 – First District Convention - TBA

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Please do not hold on to your membership, send it in as soon as possible.

We need to get going, we are in ninth place and should be at the top of the standings.

I hope you had a great summer and I will see everyone down the road this fall sometime.

Please remember the 1st & 3rd Membership Training in Blooming Prairie Post 52 on October 5th at 10:00 AM. This is open to any and all legion members.

Myron Ehrich

Membership Director



In a significant legislative victory for The American Legion, President Trump signed a bill July 30 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941.

The American Legion sought the declaration as a way to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. servicemembers who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war.

The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act) also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

“Recognizing the service of these wartime veterans is the right thing to do and it is long overdue,” National Commander Brett Reistad said. “The families of those who were killed or wounded during these wartime acts should take pride in knowing that we recognize their sacrifice and service. Moreover, we are proud to welcome any of the six million living veterans from the previously unrecognized periods into our organization and call them ‘Legionnaires.’”

Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion’s eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

The law’s journey began on Feb. 14 when Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., introduced S. 504, along with Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C. A companion measure, H.R. 1641, was introduced in the House by Reps. Lou Correa, D-Calif., and Ben Cline, R-Va.

Reistad expressed gratitude to the bipartisan members of Congress for passing the legislation.

“We are grateful that President Trump fully acknowledges the importance of The American Legion by signing the LEGION Act in the White House today – just one week after it passed the House of Representatives,” Reistad said. “In an era of partisan gridlock, Republicans and Democrats in Congress overwhelmingly recognized the importance of allowing thousands of honorable but previously ineligible veterans the right to join the largest and most influential veterans organization in the country.”

Reistad pointed out that existing American Legion membership applications are in the process of being updated but can still be used. “In the meantime, I recommend that prospective Legionnaires and recruiters write ‘LEGION Act’ in the eligibility date section of American Legion membership applications if they fall outside the previous war eras,” Reistad said. “The larger pool of veterans now eligible for The American Legion will also open their family members to eligibility in the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary as well.”

ADJUTANT’S COMMENTS

To the right is a picture of the President signing the “LEGION ACT BILL”.

Please take time to read the article below the picture and on the following page as this is very important information for the entire legion family as it has to do with changing the eligibility for membership in the legion which will also affect the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE LEGION ACT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

With President Trump's [signature on the LEGION Act](#), the extension of the ongoing declared period of war was extended back to Dec. 7, 1941. The congressionally approved act is a way to honor thousands of veterans who were killed or wounded on duty during periods not previously considered a time of war.

"Finally Congress has acknowledged the service and sacrifice of at least 1,600 veterans who died or were wounded in previously undeclared periods of war," said American Legion National Judge Advocate Kevin Bartlett. "This new law honors the memories of those veterans while allowing other veterans from those previously undeclared eras to receive all the American Legion benefits they have earned through their service."

The LEGION Act - Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act — also redefines The American Legion's membership eligibility dates. The eligibility now span from Dec. 7, 1941, until a time when the U.S. is no longer at war, as determined by Congress.

Here are answers to 11 key questions about the new law and what it means for The American Legion.

Question: *How does this change the eligibility requirements for The American Legion?*

Answer: The only change is that Congress has reduced the number of eligibility periods from seven to two. They are April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941, and continuing. No other restrictions are changed.

Question: *What's the impact on veterans who previously were not eligible for American Legion membership?*

Answer: Veterans who were honorably discharged but whose service did not fall into the previous defined war eras may now join The American Legion immediately. To do so, eligible members may sign up at www.legion.org/join.

Question: *I am among the veterans who were not allowed to join previously, so why do you want me now?*

Answer: The American Legion's founding fathers believed, "a veteran is a veteran," an axiom that has held true throughout the organization's more than century of service. Some veterans were ineligible to join because of the war eras that were defined by Congress. The recent bill passage and president's signature changed that.

Question: *So how does this differentiate The American Legion from AMVETS?*

Answer: The American Legion's eligibility criteria states that veterans must have served during "wartime." When Congress decides the U.S. is no longer in a state of war, the Legion's membership eligibility period will close, while AMVETS will still be open to those who served.

Question: *How does this affect the Sons of The American Legion (SAL)?*

Answer: The Sons' eligibility criteria will change along with that of The American Legion. Any son or grandson of a living American Legion member will be able to join the SAL program. (Sons and grandsons of deceased veterans are also eligible.) For example, a son of a veteran who served between 1985 and 1988 previously would not have been eligible. With the extension of the war period, that veteran would immediately be eligible for The American Legion and the son would be able to join the SAL.

Question: *How does this affect the eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary?*

Answer: This follows the same concept as the SAL, as noted previously. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is currently open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and adopted female descendants of eligible veterans.

Question: *How does this affect membership for departments, districts and posts?*

Answer: This change opens up American Legion membership to thousands more veterans who likely live in your communities. They may become members immediately.

Question: *The current membership applications don't address the eligibility change. How do we process those members?*

Answer: New membership materials will be developed and provided as quickly as possible. Until then, it is recommended that prospective members from a previously undocumented war era write "Other Conflicts" in the eligibility date section and send it in to their department with the appropriate dues.

Question: *What steps should departments, districts and posts focus on?*

Answer: A good first step would be to review all recruiting materials to look for eligibility dates. Information on electronic media (websites, social media channels, etc.) should be changed immediately. It is up to departments to decide on the best way to handle printed materials, while updated ones are being produced.

Question: *How does this change the Paid Up For Life program?*

Answer: There are no changes to the PUFL program, though the newly eligible members would be able to become PUFLs. To learn more about the program, visit <https://www.legion.org/PUFL>

Question: *Who can I contact for more information about this change as it applies to membership and recruiting?*

Answer: Contact the national Membership Division. Visit this web page to find the representative in your state. <https://>

FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 9/25/2019

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	546	357	11	368	67.40%	178	9/18/2019
90	LEWISTON	71	3	40	43	60.56%	28	9/13/2019
190	ST CHARLES	141	91	5	96	68.09%	45	9/13/2019
WINONA COUNTY TOTALS		758	451	56	507	66.89%	251	9/25/2019
50	WABASHA	213	152	1	153	71.83%	60	9/18/2019
110	LAKE CITY	148	94	2	96	64.86%	52	9/25/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	171	106	3	109	63.74%	62	9/25/2019
546	KELLOGG	64	30	10	40	62.50%	24	9/13/2019
573	ELGIN	28	2	2	4	14.29%	24	9/13/2019
579	MILLVILLE	146	98	1	99	67.81%	47	9/18/2019
588	MAZEPPA	75	45	5	50	66.67%	25	9/18/2019
WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS		845	527	24	551	65.21%	294	9/25/2019
92	ROCHESTER	887	543	16	559	63.02%	328	9/18/2019
119	BYRON	140	25	36	61	43.57%	79	9/18/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	292	196	3	199	68.15%	93	9/25/2019
446	ROCHESTER	15	5	2	7	46.67%	8	9/13/2019
551	EYOTA	185	79	23	102	55.14%	83	9/13/2019
OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS		1519	848	80	928	61.09%	591	9/25/2019
AREA ONE TOTALS		3122	1826	160	1986	63.61%	1136	9/25/2019
295	WEST CONCORD	61	42	1	43	70.49%	18	9/25/2019
330	HAYFIELD	202	121	10	131	64.85%	71	9/18/2019
333	KASSON	260	147	32	179	68.85%	81	9/13/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	77	47	5	52	67.53%	25	9/25/2019
422	CLAREMONT	30	20	2	22	73.33%	8	9/25/2019
DODGE COUNTY TOTALS		630	377	50	427	67.78%	203	9/25/2019
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	104	62	8	70	67.31%	34	9/25/2019
77	OWATONNA	468	300	3	303	64.74%	165	9/18/2019
296	ELLENDALE	35	22	1	23	65.71%	12	9/13/2019
STEELE COUNTY TOTALS		607	384	12	396	65.24%	211	9/25/2019
75	NEW RICHLAND	55	29	5	34	61.82%	21	9/25/2019
228	WASECA	319	177	19	196	61.44%	123	9/18/2019
281	JANESVILLE	93	59	1	60	64.52%	33	9/18/2019
587	WALDORF	26	10	0	10	38.46%	16	7/31/2019
WASECA COUNTY TOTALS		493	275	25	300	60.85%	193	9/25/2019
AREA TWO TOTALS		1730	1036	87	1123	64.91%	607	9/25/2019
40	LANESBORO	107	72	14	86	80.37%	21	9/25/2019
68	SPRING VALLEY	77	45	10	55	71.43%	22	9/13/2019
81	HARMONY	31	17	4	21	67.74%	10	9/18/2019
94	RUSHFORD	122	35	1	36	29.51%	86	9/18/2019
166	PRESTON	66	27	27	54	81.82%	12	9/13/2019
197	CHATFIELD	50	5	39	44	88.00%	6	9/18/2019
299	MABEL	159	100	7	107	67.30%	52	9/25/2019

369	WYKOFF	18	12	4	16	88.89%	2	9/13/2019
400	CANTON	14	2	0	2	14.29%	12	7/24/2019
492	FOUNTAIN	15	1	9	10	66.67%	5	9/18/2019
526	PETERSON	38	18	7	25	65.79%	13	9/13/2019
544	OSTRANDER	23	15	3	18	78.26%	5	9/25/2019
637	WHALEN	14	2	4	6	42.86%	8	8/14/2019
FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS		734	351	129	480	65.40%	254	9/25/2019
191	CALEDONIA	157	124	1	125	79.62%	32	9/18/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	160	78	1	79	49.38%	81	9/18/2019
423	HOUSTON	109	45	1	46	42.20%	63	9/18/2019
498	HOKAH	21	12	3	15	71.43%	6	9/13/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	290	185	1	186	64.14%	104	9/18/2019
HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS		737	444	7	451	61.19%	286	9/25/2019
AREA THREE TOTALS		1471	795	136	931	63.29%	540	9/25/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	576	364	12	376	65.28%	200	9/18/2019
264	GLENVILLE	79	21	16	37	46.84%	42	9/13/2019
266	HARTLAND	16	2	9	11	68.75%	5	9/18/2019
317	EMMONS	58	34	5	39	67.24%	19	9/18/2019
404	ALDEN	114	64	7	71	62.28%	43	9/25/2019
552	FREEBORN	34	20	7	27	79.41%	7	9/18/2019
FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS		877	505	56	561	63.97%	316	9/25/2019
91	AUSTIN	500	313	6	319	63.80%	181	9/25/2019
105	LYLE	87	27	15	42	48.28%	45	9/13/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	45	21	7	28	62.22%	17	9/18/2019
146	ADAMS	188	61	36	97	51.60%	91	9/13/2019
161	LEROY	51	34	5	39	76.47%	12	9/13/2019
570	AUSTIN SPAM	8	9	1	10	125.00%	-2	8/28/2019
MOWER COUNTY TOTALS		879	465	70	535	60.86%	344	9/25/2019
AREA FOUR TOTALS		1756	970	126	1096	62.41%	660	9/25/2019
1111	DAKOTA	70	0	0	0	0.00%	70	8/1/2018
DISTRICT ONE TOTALS		8149	4627	1353	5136	63.03%	3013	9/25/2019

AREA	VICE	COMMANDERS							
AREA ONE			3122	1826	160	1986	63.61%	1136	9/25/2019
AREA TWO			1730	1036	87	1123	64.91%	607	9/25/2019
AREA THREE			1471	795	136	931	63.29%	540	9/25/2019
AREA FOUR			1756	970	126	1096	62.41%	660	9/25/2019

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

October District Newsletter:

I want to thank our Hayfield, Chatfield and Waldorf Units for the great hospitality I received while attending their September meetings! What great member turnout! Please keep going to your meetings, your Auxiliary needs you! I look forward to invites from our other Units!

Through your membership, we are able to support our Veterans, their families and our communities .

Please keep turning in your membership weekly, please don't wait for a month or two.

As of the last Department Membership totals, 1st. District ranked 9th. We can ALL do better than that,

Presidents, make sure membership is getting turned in. By the end of October, there should not be a Unit who hasn't turned in a single membership!

October 12th- District Fall Rally at 10:00am at Dodge Center, Post 384

October 24th-25th-Fall Department Conference in Mahnomon

I encourage those that can to try and attend one of these events during October, lots of information to help your Units for the coming year!

As of our National ALA Convention in August, we know longer will be called the Ladies Auxiliary,
Just the ALA....Spouses of our female Veterans are now eligible to join the Auxiliary!

Times are changing, and we have too as well! We welcome these new members to our great organization!

On November 10th the ALA will celebrates it's 100th Birthday! All Units should be planning a celebration to honor this during the month of November.

Minnesota Trivia: In 1932, an Auxiliary Junior Group furnished toys for some of the long term Veterans at the Minneapolis VA Hospital. This Junior Group created what we call the ALA Gift Shop Program for our Veterans.

Hope everyone has a great October planned!
Service, Not Self

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CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

The American Legion Constitution and Bylaws has been updated to replace the word “wife” with “spouse,” related to the membership criteria for the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA).

Here are some common questions and answers to what this means going forward:

Question: Why change ALA membership eligibility?

Answer: In 1920, veterans were almost 100 percent male so the ALA was formed as the organization for the spouses of the veteran — those spouses just happened to be women.

Today, an estimated 16 percent of enlisted people and 18 percent of officers are women, who may be married to a non-veteran. To keep the ALA as the organization that supports spouses of the veteran, we need to change the ALA’s definition from wives to spouses, thereby updating the organization to represent the changing makeup of the military.

Q: How can this change help ALA membership?

A: Think about female spouses who are alone as their husband is deployed. They have the ALA to lean on. Who can the male spouse rely on? With this eligibility change, now male spouses who are ALA members can receive the same support while their wives are deployed.

Q: Would this change need to be approved by Congress?

A: No, because the American Legion Auxiliary is not chartered by Congress. The American Legion, which was chartered by Congress, created the ALA. The Legion approved the ALA to operate as a separate corporation; however, The American Legion has always set the eligibility requirements of the ALA in their bylaws.

Q: What about the previous communications issued by former ALA leadership claiming this change could not happen? Why is that information inaccurate?

A: Previously released messaging could have been interpreted by members to mean ALA needs congressional approval for this change to happen. That information is inaccurate. The American Legion Auxiliary is not chartered by Congress.

Q: ALA refers to itself as the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization. How can we allow men to join?

A: Now that the resolution has been adopted by The American Legion, the Auxiliary will no longer call itself the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization.

Q: How would this change affect the American Legion Auxiliary membership application or signing up new members?

A: We anticipate taking applications on Sept. 1.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THIS IS THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name (First)	(M.I.)	(Last)
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth - 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 and over	
Date of Birth (Required)	Unit #	Location
Have you been a member previously? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, fill in below.)		
Previous Unit City/State	ALA ID# (if known)	
	/ /	
Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)		Date

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION	
Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)	
If Living:	American Legion Member ID # Post # City State
<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records. For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records	
Veteran Served:	
<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/8/1917-11/11/1918)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> Panama <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam <input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada <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.)	
To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer	
I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.	
Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification	Date

HELP US GET YOU CONNECTED!	
I am interested in learning more about:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering for Veterans, Military, and Their Families	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities, Including ALA Girls State, Junior Member Programs, and Scholarships	
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Discounts and Services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Please contact the following individual about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:	
Name	Phone Email
Name	Phone Email
Name	Phone Email
Recruiter's Name	Unit/Post # City State

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. *Membership pending approval of application.*

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

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

Every year we lose members. This year 287. Why?? This is not all due to death. We need to Renew-Recruit-Rejoin members. I'm sure that each of you know one person that is eligible for membership in our auxiliary. Do not hesitate to ask them to join. Membership chairman Tonia is hoping to get the 1st District back on top. If we all work together, great things can be accomplished.

Enclosed in this mailing is a listing of your UNITS per capita for 2019-2020. Your per capita is based on your membership as of July 31, 2019. (Membership x \$2) On this same sheet, you will note every Unit has District Junior dues of \$10.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is the per capita amount for 2019-2020. The per Capita for this year to \$2/per member. Every unit has an annual \$10.00 District Junior Fee also. Please double check to make sure my math is correct. These are the monies that the 1st District operates on for the year. ***This will only be printed this mailing – so, please keep for future reference and inform your unit treasurer.***

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Jr. Dues</u>	<u>Total Members</u>
Adams	\$260	\$10.00	130
Albert Lea	\$574	\$10.00	287
Alden	\$72	\$10.00	36
Austin	\$252	\$10.00	126
Blooming Prairie	\$204	\$10.00	102
Byron	\$148	\$10.00	74
Caledonia	\$148	\$10.00	74
Chatfield	\$62	\$10.00	31
Claremont	\$40	\$10.00	20
Dodge Center	\$148	\$10.00	74
Elgin	\$34	\$10.00	17
Eyota	\$196	\$10.00	98
Freeborn	\$120	\$10.00	60
Glenville	\$172	\$10.00	86
Grand Meadow	\$124	\$10.00	62
Harmony	\$104	\$10.00	52
Hayfield	\$360	\$10.00	180
Hokah	\$34	\$10.00	17
Houston	\$272	\$10.00	136
Kasson	\$262	\$10.00	131
LaCrescent	\$358	\$10.00	179
Kellogg	\$244	\$10.00	122

Lake City ¹⁷	\$142	\$10.00	71
Lanesboro	\$202	\$10.00	101
Leroy	\$90	\$10.00	45
Lewiston	\$72	\$10.00	36
Lyle	\$110	\$10.00	55
Mabel	\$242	\$10.00	121
Mazeppa	\$72	\$10.00	36
Millville	\$104	\$10.00	52
New Richland	\$96	\$10.00	48
Ostrander	\$28	\$10.00	14
Owatonna	\$222	\$10.00	111
Peterson	\$84	\$10.00	42
Plainview	\$274	\$10.00	137
Rochester	\$266	\$10.00	133
Rushford	\$108	\$10.00	54
Spring Grove	\$240	\$10.00	120
Spring Valley	\$82	\$10.00	41
St. Charles	\$104	\$10.00	52
Stewartville	\$342	\$10.00	171
Wabasha	\$222	\$10.00	111
Waldorf	\$36	\$10.00	18
Waseca	\$482	\$10.00	241
West Concord	\$66	\$10.00	33
Whalen	\$42	\$10.00	21
Winona	\$270	\$10.00	135
Wykoff	<u>\$32</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	\$8,218	\$480.00	4109

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Greetings SAL members,

I have been on business travel several weeks so have may have missed out on some correspondence. Trying to catch up and will respond to those waiting ASAP.

Our Vice Commanders Chuck and Brian are busy visiting our individual Squadrons through the district. They are coming around to see how we can help you. I ask you welcome them in and spend some time with them to see how we can assist. Please feel free to call upon any of us, especially myself if your need of assistance and or simply want to discuss what we can do to help you and your squadron.

As I stated previously we are formed a By-laws committee that will review our current Constitution and By Laws. We have had some correspondence back and forth amongst the review team after our first meeting. We will be meeting again soon and hope to finalize them soon. Our goal is to update these and distribute so they can be reviewed prior to convention.

As stated at the District meeting and during the election process I travel frequently for work which impacts my availability. I will do my best to lead us in the right direction and support our Veterans and Post alike. As stated early I am open to any communication from you that will improve our District and my role as the District Commander.

Please keep our Veterans past and present and their families in your prayers.

God Bless our Troops, and God bless the USA.

Respectfully submitted,
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SQUAD	LOCATION	GOAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	81	4	74	78	96.30%	3	9/10/2019
40	LANESBORO	62	0	0	0	0.00%	62	8/19/2019
50	WABASHA	11	0	0	0	0.00%	11	8/19/2019
90	LEWISTON	47	0	0	0	0.00%	47	8/19/2019
92	ROCHESTER	133	0	80	80	60.15%	53	8/19/2019
94	RUSHFORD	48	0	0	0	0.00%	48	8/19/2019
119	BYRON	38	0	0	0	0.00%	38	8/19/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	111	0	12	12	10.81%	99	8/19/2019
166	PRESTON	44	0	0	0	0.00%	44	8/19/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	18	0	0	0	0.00%	18	8/19//2019
190	ST CHARLES	12	7	3	10	83.33%	2	9/10/2019
191	CALEDONIA	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
299	MABEL	29	0	3	3	10.34%	26	9/10/2019
423	HOUSTON	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
546	KELLOGG	24	0	0	0	0.00%	24	8/19/2019
551	EYOTA	44	0	0	0	0.00%	44	8/19/2019
573	ELGIN	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
579	MILLVILLE	32	0	0	0	0.00%	32	8/19/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	71	0	0	0	0.00%	71	8/19/2019
TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE		817	0	0	183	22.40%	634	9/10/2019
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	42	0	0	0	0.00%	42	8/19/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	141	44	15	59	41.84%	82	9/10/2019
75	NEW RICHLAND	5	0	0	0	0.00%	5	8/19/2019
77	OWATONNA	142	0	5	5	3.52%	137	9/10/2019
91	AUSTIN	72	0	0	0	0.00%	72	8/19/2019
105	LYLE	35	0	0	0	0.00%	35	8/19/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
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228	WASECA	32	0	0	0	0.00%	32	8/19/2019
264	GLENVILLE	41	6	4	10	24.39%	31	9/10/2019
266	HARTLAND	15	0	0	0	0.00%	15	8/19/2019
281	JANESVILLE	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10	8/19/2019
317	EMMONS	16	0	0	0	0.00%	16	8/19/2019
330	HAYFIELD	36	0	0	0	0.00%	36	8/19/2019
333	KASSON	35	0	10	10	28.57%	25	9/10/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
404	ALDEN	63	0	0	0	0.00%	63	8/19/2019
552	FREEBORN	32	0	0	0	0.00%	32	8/19/2019
TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE		930	0	68	118	12.69%	812	9/10/2019
1111	DAKOTA	83	0	0	0	0.00%	83	8/19/2019
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT		1830	0	0	301	16.45%	1529	8/19/2019

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Rider chapters-if you have an event coming up and would like it published

in the newsletter or our Facebook page, please e-mail it to lewisonnancy@gmail.com.

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for the fall ride on October 5th, 2019 hosted by the Rushford ALR.

All ALR members are invited to the First District Family Fall Conference on Saturday, October 12th at the Dodge Center Post.

Austin ALR #91 did an awesome job building, delivering and setting up three deer stands for the Disabled Veteran's Hunt at Legionville.

A fall meeting notice will be sent out and posted on Facebook at a later date.

We are hoping to be able to gather for a district fall ride also.

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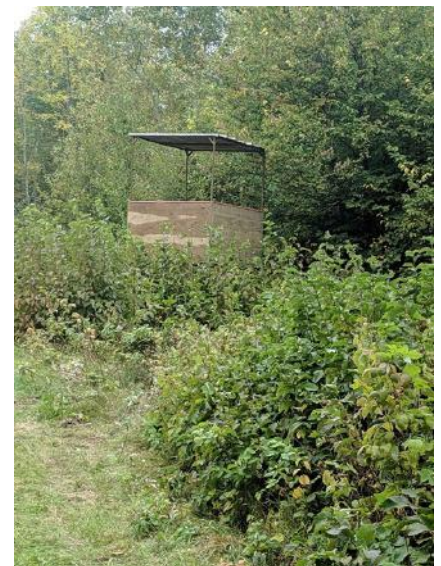
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~ Tuesday ~
Bingo with Special Games & Drink Specials

~ Wednesday ~
Open House
 3-7 p.m.
 Historic Displays & Refreshments
Waseca Legion Trivia at 7 p.m.

~ Thursday ~
Beer & Brats
 Serving starts at 4 p.m.
Meat Raffles

Waseca Post 228 Legion Family Celebrates



October 1 ~ 6 2019

~ Friday ~
Past Officer Appreciation (by invite)
In a Bind performs in the lounge at 7 p.m. (open to public)

~ Saturday ~
Membership Dinner
 Social Hour at 4 Program at 5
Miller Denn in the lounge after

~ Sunday ~
Dad's Belgian Waffles
 8 a.m. - 12 noon
Vikings Game at noon

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STEAK FRY



Choose steak, shrimp or both!

Served with a baked potato, dinner salad and Texas garlic toast.

12 oz. ribeye \$15
6 shrimp \$10
8 oz. ribeye & 3 shrimp \$15

Proceeds go toward required kitchen upgrades and other building repairs.

2nd Friday Monthly, 5-7 p.m.

Waseca American Legion
700 South State St ~ 507-833-9935




Fall Color River Run

Sponsored by Rushford American Legion Riders

October 5, 2019

Registration 9am
Kickstands up at 11am

Cost will be \$20.00 per driver & \$10.00 per rider

Ride starts at Rushford American Legion Post 94, 213 Hwy 16, Rushford MN

We will take a scenic river run thru the Tri-State Bluff Country.



Proceeds from this ride will support Veterans and Veteran Causes. A portion of this ride will also be given to Jenni Peterson (District 1 Rider) to recover from her medical expenses due to a motorcycle accident in June.

LACRESCENT SAL OMELET BREAKFAST



8:00 AM until 12:00 PM

AT THE LACRESCENT EVENT CENTER ON THE LAST SUNDAY MORNING OF THE ODD NUMBERED MONTHS.

22 **ADAMS AMERICAN LEGION POST 146**
CHICKEN, PORK, FISH & STEAK FRY SCHEDULE
 Serving time: 5:30 - &:30 PM
 (507) 582 – 3266

2019 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	September 7
Chicken & Pork Fry, FFA.....	September 21
Chicken & Pork Fry, Auxiliary.....	October 5
Steak Fry, Southland Trap Shoot.....	October 19
Windsor Chop, Legion.....	November 2
Steak Fry, Knights of Columbus.....	November 9
Chicken & Pork Fry, Adams Health Care.....	November 16
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	December 7
Chicken & Steak, Snowmobilers.....	December 14
Windsor Chops, Legion New Year's Eve.....	December 31

2020 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	January 4
Steak Fry, SAL Cancer.....	January 18
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	February 1
Chicken & Pork Fry, Adams Swimming Pool.....	February 15
Fish Fry, Legion.....	March 6
Steak Fry, Southland Sportsman.....	March 14
Fish Fry, Auxiliary.....	March 20
Fish Fry, SAL.....	April 3
Chicken & Pork, Legion Baseball.....	April 18
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion.....	May 2
Chicken & Pork Fry, Jugglers.....	May 16
Windsor Chops, Legion *5:30 - 8:00 PM*.....	June 12

Louis McCahill
 American Legion - Post 110
 Lake City MN.

Public Invited! *Public Invited!*



224 S. Washington Street, Lake City
Serving 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Feb. - Nov. 2019

\$16.00 per person (Tax & Beverage included)
 Carryouts available for \$1 extra. Call 345-2224
 Fall Raffle Nov. 15TH, 2019

Door Prize Drawing
 for Free Steak Dinner at future Steak Fry

\$20.00 for split meals

LEGION CLUB ROOMS
 USE OUR FACILITIES TO CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL EVENTS
Class Reunions, Anniversaries, Weddings, Banquets
 Call Dan Smith at 651-345-3876 for Information/Booking
\$25.00 charge to non-profit organizations
 Meetings on 3rd Monday of each month

2019 Veterans Day Special Film Event: Saving Private Ryan

6:30 pm on Friday, Nov 8 2019

At the Historic Paramount Theatre,
 125 4th Ave NE, Austin, MN

*Free will donation requested,
 With all proceeds benefiting local programs*

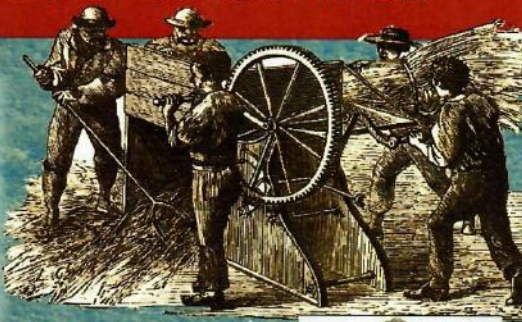
**Hosted by SPAM Post 570, American Legion Post 91, VFW Post 1216 and
 Auxiliary, DAV Chapter 27, and the Austin Area Arts**

For more information, call 507-437-4583

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON #52

Harvester's Evening

(Žnecký Večer) • BP Servicemen's Club



- Dinner served from 5 - 6 p.m. Menu is roast pork, potato dumplings, sauerkraut, corn, buchty (pastry), coffee, and milk

- The Dan Stursa Band plays Czech music from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

- The theme is Harvester's Evening

- Seating limited to 200 for this old fashioned Harvester's Evening -- \$20 per ticket

- The Blooming Prairie Sons of the American Legion Squadron #52 is sponsoring the event. Proceeds support the BP Servicemen's Club and Veteran's activities.

- You must have a ticket for this event. Get your tickets early at the B.P. Servicemen's Club at 507-583-7884.

Featuring the
Dan Stursa
Band
Czech Music
Throughout The
Evening



Saturday, Oct 5, 2019

5:00 TO 8:00 P.M. • BP SERVICEMEN'S CLUBS
GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY AT BP SERVICEMEN'S CLUBS. 507-583-7884

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES



All You Can Eat

\$7.00 pre-sale

\$8.00 at the door

Proceeds go to the Avenue of Flags

Replacing flags & hardware needed



Sunday, October 6th, 8 a.m.

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HOT DISH LUNCH



Ya Sure, You Betchya!

Enjoy homemade hot dishes!

**11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.
or until sold out
\$7 per person**

Proceeds go toward Legion Auxiliary projects

Friday, October 25th ~ 11 a.m.

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LIVER FEED



Includes fried potatoes, onions and a bun.

**Not a liver lover?
Enjoy hamburger steak!
\$8.00 per person**

Proceeds go to Legion Marching Unit

Saturday, November 2nd, 5 p.m.

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TACO NIGHTS



\$3 or 2 for \$5
Hard & soft shells

Margaritas
only \$3.50



Meat Raffles too!

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Thursdays ~ Serving 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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