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IMPORTANT DATES

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic all events are either put on hold or postponed to a later date.

Some posts are starting to open with COVID 19 rules in place, Please contact your post to see what the times and rules are.

October 22, 23 & 24, 2020 - Department Fall Conference at Breezy Point Resort

October 31, 2020 - Halloween , please watch out for kids trick or treating. And be safe.

November 11,2020 - Veterans Day, we may have to dream up new ways to honor the veterans because of COVID 19.

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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October 2020 News from

1st District Chaplain

FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings to all, Mighty First District American Legion Family members.

Legionville fall Harvest Rally is over.

Covid-19 is not closing anyone at this time. We must continue to be aware of our surroundings. Wear the mask and social distance, it all helps.

The district rally held Saturday, Oct 3rd in Dodge Center went really well. We social distanced wore masks and the food was individually wrapped. We must thank the Dodge Center Legion and Legion Auxiliary for the great hospitality.

Our speakers were all very good.

The Gold Star family memorial committee chairman gave us an update by phone. The letter is elsewhere in this newsletter. Bankers Life representative gave an update on the Medicare supplement that they have for Veterans.

Dodge County emergency Management services gave us information on how these services work together. Everyone thought that was really great.

Our Armed forces services center representative gave us an update by phone and zoom. We had a Presentation to the District Law enforcement officer of the year, Tracey Pagel.

Believet Dogs, training dogs for veterans with disabilities gave us a demonstration and explained there program.

Very good. Membership chairman Myron Ehrich gave us a report. Sy Fix department membership chairman.

Membership needs a little boost. Send in those memberships. Do Not hold onto them. There isn't an award to holding on to the most. We don't want someone missing a benefit because of missing a deadline.

Guest speaker ,Pat Logan ,Department vice commander had a few words of advice for us, on membership also.

We need to get those out of the 1982 and 1982ADs.

My project this year is Legionville and PTSD(Brain Science) all monies raised will go 50/50 between them.

Fall Conference at Breezy Point is October 22-24.

District fall rally is yet to be determined.

November 3rd is election day--do your duty (vote)..

November 11 VETERANS DAY. We still need to be creative on what we can do.

Communication is key to many things..

Web sites. National. legion.org

Minnesota. mnlegion.org

District. mnmightyfirst.org
mylegion.org

Use these websites.

We should still be doing Buddy checks, calling your neighbors and friends.

Thank You for your service and continued support.

Remember our deployed and their families.

Pray for Peace.

For God And Country.

September has come and only a few days remain as I write this letter. Another month has come and gone; the older I get the faster the days and months pass. When I looked at my new 2021 card, it showed I've been a member for 49 years. I would have never dreamed I'd be involved in anything that long—not that it's a hard job or anything like that, but 49 years.....really?? I must have been 10 or 12 when I joined the American Legion!

I'm sure there are more of you out there who have gotten more years in than me. But I have to say I've enjoyed just about every minute of these last 49 years. One of the biggest joys has been serving the 1st District as your Chaplain for the last 3 years. Each month I love to sit down and think about what God has done for me, you, the 1st District, the Dept. of MN and for our nation. Sometimes I wonder, "God, why did this or that happen?" And then realize that God has everything in control. All I have to do is wait and listen for His voice and then do what He has asked me to do. Sometimes He asks of me something simple and I do it right away; and the next time it's like, "You've got to be kidding me, Lord. I can't do that or I won't do it." But when I decide what I want and not what God wants of me, He sometimes doesn't use His small voice. He speaks loud and clear through other people. Have you ever had that happen? I know it's happened to me more than I like to admit. And then other times, it's hard to wait for the Lord because we think we know how to handle things better, only to find out we don't. In Psalm 27:14 it tells us to "Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

Waiting is always hard, because I'm the kind of person who wants to get it done. I'm the person who says, "You either lead or follow or get out of my way." So the Lord has had to work on me really hard at times.

It's no different than most farmers this time of year. Waiting for the beans to be ready to harvest when the neighbor is going and yours aren't there yet. It's hard to wait. I've found that if I'm in that predicament, I just have to offer up a prayer, "Lord, it's in your hands, not mine." So farmers, be safe out there this fall and slow down. For those of us on the roads, give them a break when you're stuck behind a piece of equipment. If we can do that, we'll all live to see another sun rise.

Be in prayer for those among us who are sick and lonely. Keep our service personnel who are deployed and from home in your prayers. Reach out to a fellow veteran that is in need, to those with health issues, both physical and emotional. Suicide takes 22 lives daily and it's too many to be wasted and lost. Also pray for our nation; it can use all the prayers it can get. Pray for God's healing hand to be upon us all in these troubling times.

In Service to God and Country,

Larry H. Otto, 1st District Chaplain

FROM AREA FOUR

Hello Legion Family,

I know Suicide Prevention was well publicized last month. I would hope that the posts are doing the buddy checks. You never know what a phone call will mean to someone if it is received at the right time. Just say hello and how are you. Show that you care. You may save someone's life.

The First District Fall Rally was held on 10/3/2020 at the Dodge Center Post. Thank you to the post for hosting and making us feel welcome. It was a very nice rally with speakers from the Gold Star Memorial, Bankers Life and the Dodge County Emergency Management. An award for the District Law Officer of the Year was awarded to Deputy Sheriff Tracey Pagel of Olmsted County. A presentation was made to Believet Dogs in Northfield, which had been Kassy Betterman's project. This same project will be carried on by Taylor McElroy, the Honorary Jr President for the Auxiliary.

On October 16-18 I will be attending the first Department of Minnesota Legion College at Camp Ripley. A wide range of topics will be discussed over the weekend. I am looking forward to expanding my knowledge of the American Legion with the purpose of serving you better.

On October 22-24 I will be attending the Fall Conference at Breezy Point. There are always things to learn and have a good time too. If you have not signed up, please see more information in the latest Legionnaire.

Membership should be on everyone's mind. We need to get the renewals in and members off the 1982 list. Please let me know if you need a copy of your post 1982 list. This is the easiest way to get members in your post. Do not hold renewals for any reason. Get them in the mail or process on line as soon as possible.

God Bless and stay healthy.

Mary Hanson
Area 4 Vice Commander

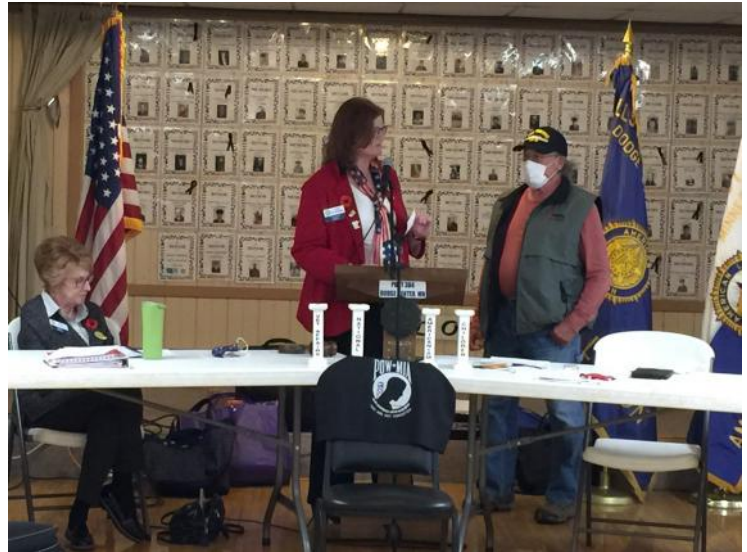
Please keep working both the 1982 and 1982 AD lists found in the My Legion Post site if your post is signed up. If your post is not signed up please try and get signed up. There is a lot of great help for membership recruitment to be found there. Also do not forget about the expired member lists which are there too.. If you need help , contact the District Adjutant, he knows how to get your post signed up and use the site..

Myron Ehrich - First District Membership Director

Below—pictures of the First District Fall Rally at Dodge Center American Legion Post 384 on October 3, 2020



President Wanda Prescher & Commander Dale Wellik



1st Vice President & Jr activities chairman Tonia Betterman presenting a check from the Jr Honorary Jr President 's project to Believet Service Dogs



First District members present at the Fall Rally



Another view of the members.

To whom it may concern

THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

The CPL Curtis M Swenson Memorial Fund is excited to announce a project we are working on in conjunction with the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation. The MN Gold Star Families Memorial Monument demonstrates that a community cares for the families and appreciates their sacrifice. Today, there are 64 dedicated monuments and 76 in progress throughout the United States. Our efforts in bringing this to our area would be the first in Minnesota.

Our committee has secured the new Dodge County Courthouse grounds, 721 Main Street North, Mantorville to place this beautiful monument. Three benches have already been promised. Fundraising efforts are ongoing to build and maintain the monument.

The CPL Curtis M Swenson Memorial Fund has started this effort with a \$5000 donation in hopes of matching funds. We know this may be a hardship for smaller groups but, be assured, all donations will be greatly appreciated. The 501c3 non-profit # is 46-2047833 for your tax information.

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

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

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

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



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

cmsmemorialfund.org

The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2021 Membership Report as of Oct 1,

Dist	Post	Location	New 2021	PUFL 2021	Online 2021	Trad 2021	Paid 2021	HQ Trans 2021	Total Membr 2021	Goal 2021	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2020	Last yr at this dae
1	9	Winona	1	30	35	302	368	1	369	536	68.84%	0	377
1	90	Lewiston	3	8	2	40	53	0	53	69	76.81%	0	42
1	190	St Charles	3	19	9	71	102	0	102	133	76.69%	0	96
1		Winona County					523	1	524	738	71.00%		515
1	50	Wabasha	0	48	11	89	148	0	148	221	66.97%	0	155
1	110	Lake City	2	17	10	83	112	0	112	157	71.34%	0	97
1	179	Plainview	0	28	13	69	110	0	110	159	69.18%	0	112
1	546	Kellogg	0	9	0	33	42	0	42	63	66.67%	0	40
1	573	Elgin	0	2	2	1	5	0	5	29	17.24%	0	4
1	579	Millville	0	22	17	53	92	0	92	148	62.16%	0	101
1	588	Mazeppa	0	9	1	45	55	0	55	72	76.39%	0	50
1		Wabsha County					564	0	564	849	66.43%		559
1	92	Rochester	2	91	84	456	633	2	635	905	70.17%	1	577
1	119	Byron	1	17	11	56	85	0	85	133	63.91%	0	61
1	164	Stewartville	0	25	18	178	221	0	221	303	72.94%	0	203
1	446	Rochester	0	2	2	2	6	0	6	20	30.00%	0	8
1	551	Eyota	1	20	9	82	112	0	112	186	60.22%	0	104
1		Olmsted County					1057	3	1060	1547	68.52%		953
1		Area One					2144	4	2148	3134	68.54%		2027
1	295	West Concord	0	8	1	23	32	0	32	65	49.23%	0	43
1	330	Hayfield	0	18	13	98	129	0	129	199	64.82%	0	131
1	333	Kasson	1	31	16	138	186	0	186	264	70.45%	0	185
1	384	Dodge Center	0	8	2	36	46	0	46	78	58.97%	0	51
1	422	Claremont	1	1	3	18	23	0	23	27	85.19%	0	22
1		Dodge County					416	0	416	633	65.72%		432
1	52	Blooming Prairie	0	16	2	47	65	0	65	94	69.15%	0	70
1	77	Owatonna	3	52	25	202	282	0	282	460	61.30%	0	307
1	296	Ellendale	0	3	2	23	28	0	28	39	71.79%	0	23
1		Steel County					375	0	375	593	63.24%		400
1	75	New Richland	0	8	1	40	49	0	49	48	102.08%	0	35
1	228	Waseca	0	21	15	135	171	0	171	310	55.16%	0	199

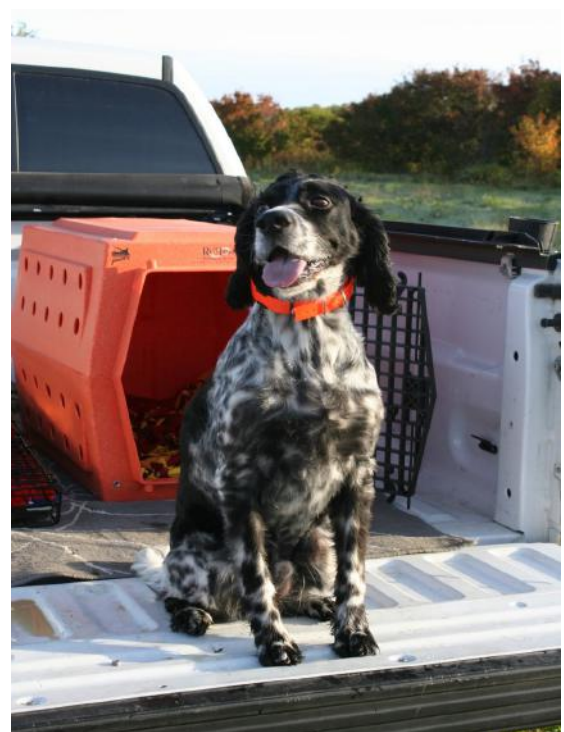
1	281	Janesville	1	9	8	54	72	0	72	88	81.82%	0	64
1	587	Waldorf	0	0	0	18	18	0	18	22	81.82%	0	10
1		Waseca County					310	0	310	468	66.24%	0	308
		Area Two					1101	0	1101	1694	64.99%	0	1140
1	40	Lanesboro	0	13	8	48	69	0	69	107	64.49%	0	88
1	68	Spring Valley	0	8	1	46	55	0	55	76	72.37%	0	55
1	81	Harmony	0	2	0	20	22	0	22	32	68.75%	0	21
1	94	Rushford	0	14	8	50	72	0	72	116	62.07%	0	37
1	166	Preston	0	18	2	24	44	0	44	61	72.13%	0	54
1	197	Chatfield	0	2	1	35	38	0	38	45	84.44%	0	43
1	299	Mabel	5	31	5	72	113	0	113	165	68.48%	0	109
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	11	11	0	11	16	68.75%	0	16
1	400	Canton	1	0	1	10	12	0	12	18	66.67%	0	2
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	14	7.14%	0	10
1	526	Peterson	0	4	0	20	24	0	24	39	61.54%	0	25
1	544	Ostrander	0	2	1	14	17	0	17	24	70.83%	0	18
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	10	10	0	10	7	142.86%	0	6
1		Fillmore County					488	0	488	720	67.78%	0	484
1	191	Caledonia	0	17	4	60	81	0	81	150	54.00%	0	126
1	249	Spring Grove	0	15	9	66	90	0	90	151	59.60%	0	80
1	423	Houston	0	8	7	46	61	0	61	101	60.40%	0	46
1	498	Hokah	1	1	1	14	17	0	17	22	77.27%	0	15
1	595	LaCrescent	0	47	20	123	190	0	190	273	69.60%	0	190
1		Houston County					439	0	439	697	62.98%	0	59
1		Area Three					927	0	927	1417	65.42%	0	543
1	56	Albert Lea	0	40	33	322	395	1	396	543	72.93%	0	385
1	264	Glenville	0	9	0	45	54	0	54	70	77.14%	0	37
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	13	100.00%	0	11
1	317	Emmons	0	3	1	29	33	0	33	53	62.26%	0	39
1	404	Alden	0	4	11	57	72	0	72	106	67.92%	0	71
1	552	Freeborn	0	5	1	1	7	0	7	33	21.21%	0	27
1		Freeborn County					574	1	575	818	70.29%	0	570

1	91	Austin	1	56	16	231	304	2	306	502	60.96%	0	318
1	105	Lyle	0	8	5	25	38	0	38	84	45.24%	0	42
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	2	5	19	26	0	26	41	63.41%	0	28
1	146	Adams	0	20	6	3	29	0	29	187	15.51%	0	98
1	161	LeRoy	0	4	4	29	37	0	37	52	71.15%	0	41
1	570	Austin Spam	0	0	2	11	13	0	13	15	86.67%	1	11
1		Mower County					447	2	449	881	50.96%	0	538
1		Area Four					1021	3	1024	1699	60.27%	0	1108
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0.00%	0	0
1		District Totals	27	856	464	3846	5193	6	5199	8009	64.91%	2	5216
		Vice Commanders											
		Area One					2144	4	2148	3134	68.54%	0	2027
		Area Two					1101	0	1101	1694	64.99%	0	1140
		Area Three					927	0	927	1417	65.42%	0	543
		Area Four					1021	3	1024	1699	60.27%	0	1108

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA 2021 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 10-1-20

Dist	Rank												
1	7th	Dale Wellik	27	856	464	3846	5193	6	5199	8009	64.91%	2	5216
2	8th	Bradley Pagel	24	644	288	3043	3999	1	4000	6189	64.63%	3	4258
3	1st	Linda Dvorak	58	1549	986	5023	7616	11	7627	10,938	69.73%	30	7497
4	3rd	Joseph Jansen	16	286	170	948	1420	2	1422	2,091	68.01%	20	1493
5	10th	Wade A. Larson	6	301	225	705	1237	0	1237	2164	57.16%	2	1339
6	5th	Paul D. Edwards	52	1099	659	5205	7015	3	7018	10,598	66.22%	5	7196
7	2nd	Dean Knutson	16	696	232	2922	3866	3	3869	5,646	68.53%	24	3892
8	6th	Gerrienne Koskinen	11	316	231	1795	2353	0	2353	3591	65.52%	1	2352
9	9th	Steven Sundstrom	21	547	354	2827	3749	26	3775	5953	63.41%	10	3912
10	4th	Thomas H. Allen	45	904	807	4077	5833	4	5837	8780	66.48%	5	5913
99			4	176	232	972	1384	0	1384	2997	46.18%	0	1187
To-			280	7374	4648	31,363	43,665	56	43,721	66,956	65.30%	102	44,255

A few picture of the DAV Disabled Veteran Pheasant Hunt held at the Three Arrows Hunting Preserve located NE of LeRoy, MN



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

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



The high bid for the Army one is \$125.00 by phone number 507-513-1582 as of 10/4/20



The high bid for the Marine one is \$225.00 by phone number 507-259-5261 as of 10/4/20




The high bid for the Navy one is \$65.00 by phone number 507-433-7975 as of 10/4/20



The high bid for the Air Force one is \$120.00 by phone number 507-251-5051 as of 10/4/20

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

THE MEANING OF COINS ON A HEADSTONE




A penny, you stopped and paid your respects.



A nickle, you attended bootcamp with them



A dime, you served in the armed forces with them



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

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



This Is Hallowed Ground

Why You Don't Walk Between The Colors

Between the flags that proudly fly
Let no one dare to stand
For here our fallen comrades lie,
We call it Hallowed Ground.
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In Memory of the ones who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea or land these buddies died.
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so this place is Hallowed Ground.
And it shall be forever blessed,
As though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest

Be ever watchful, Legionnaire.
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead
As tho he walked upon their grave.



May 26, 2020

To: All Legion Leadership
From: Daniel S. Wheeler, National Adjutant; Kevin J. Bartlett, National Judge Advocate
Re: American Legion Membership Eligibility of Personnel in the Newly Created United States Space Force

Per Title 36 of the US Code, Chapter 217, Section 21703,

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation [The American Legion] only if the individual—

- (1) has served in the Armed Forces of—
 - (A) the United States at any time during—
 - (i) the period from April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918; or
 - (ii) any time after December 7, 1941; or
 - (B) a government associated with the United States during a period or time referred to in subclause (A) of this clause and was a citizen of the United States when the individual entered that service; and
- (2) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or continues to serve honorably during or after that period or time.

The United States Space Force was created by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2020, signed by the President on December 20, 2019. It became Public Law No: 116-92,

“§9081. The United States Space Force

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a United States Space Force as an armed force within the Department of the Air Force....

(c) SPACE FORCE AS AN ARMED FORCE.—Section 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “Space Force,” after “Marine Corps,”.

Thus, as amended, Section 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code reads:

(4) The term “armed forces” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

Therefore, as title 10 of the United States Code now includes Space Force as an “Armed Force” and our federally chartered membership criteria uses the same wording [“has served in the Armed Forces....any time after December 7, 1941”] there are no necessary acts required to extend membership to all who have served or continue to serve in the United States Space Force.

FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

October Newsletter

October is Education month! Thank you to everyone who came to the Fall Rally! Commander Dale had some great speakers and information for us. 1st Vice President Tonia Betterman along with Jr. President Taylor McEllroy presented Kassy's check for \$2757 from her two- year project to Bellivet Dog Training for a Veteran. Thank you, to the Units that helped support this great project! President Taylor will be continuing the same project for this year. I hope all our Units will support this great project. Membership through 9/30 has the 1st District in 5th Place in the Department. Please turn in membership on a regular basis, there is no reason to hold from being sent in to Department. The earlier we know where we stand, the better we can see where we have problems and try to help.

Fall Conference will be held at Breezy Point Resort 10/22-10/24. Our National President Nicole Clapp will be the Auxiliary's special guest for the conference, what a great honor for Minnesota!

I hope our Units are getting creative with their meetings and ways of sharing with our members, we still have to figure ways to help our Veterans with Veterans Day.

I want to thank all our members that are working so hard to continue the work that Auxiliary the does for their community and veterans.

Stay safe and healthy!

President Wanda Prescher

There will be a silent auction at Fall Conference and if anyone attending from the First District is interested in either helping with setting it up on Thursday evening or working a couple hours on Friday, you can email our State chairman Joanie Krantz. jkrantz@wikel.com. Thank you in advance. Lynette Wolff



American Legion Auxiliary

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

DATE: September 18, 2020
TO: District Presidents
RE: 2020 Fall Conference

The 2020 Fall Conference at Breezy Point is coming up fast. Further information will be sent in the next few day. We are anticipating a most informative and interesting Conference this year with National President Nicole Clapp as our special guest for the entire time.

I need the following information no later than Monday, September 29th:

Names of 2 people who will carry your district colors. They will need to wear navy blue Bottoms and a white top with blue or black shoes. Please email this information to me as soon as possible. If your district is unable to find someone to do this and you want to bring your flags, please let me know and I will try to find someone from another district to help your district out.

A few important notes on Fall Conference:

- President Mary has asked that you wear your 2019 Installation outfit on Friday, October 23rd for the entire session. You will be introduced to everyone and we will try to get a nice picture of the Executive Committee with National President Nicole.
- COVID related restrictions are still in place and must be followed while in the public spaces at Breezy Point. That includes social distancing and proper wearing of a mask covering both the nose and mouth. Not only are these the rules set out by the state, but they are also being required by Breezy Point.
- We will hold a special Law & Order Panel on Thursday evening, October 22nd from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Please encourage your members to attend. We have outside speakers as well as our national guest and want to make their visit worthwhile.
- Breezy Point must follow the social distancing requirements set for each of the meeting spaces/public rooms and they have specific numbers that we have been given as maximum capacity limits. We will be needing our pages and possibly the district color bearers to assist us in following this task. If any of your members wishes to help us out for Friday evening's membership fun with this task, please have them come and see me on Friday before the close of the session. **Attendees will NOT be allowed to move any chairs in the room.**
- We will have an IN door and an OUT door for entering and exiting the meeting space. Each person will be counted as they enter or exit so that we do not exceed the room capacity.
- Because of space limitations, our Executive Committee meeting will be held in the main hall (modified for our meeting) so that we may allow members to sit and listen in as they wish. The room we have used in the past barely has the capacity that we need to cover the Executive Committee so that is why we are switching this.
- Breezy Point is unable to have dispensers with water available for us. They are allowing us to sell bottled water. Pat and Ray DeZurik have donated water that we will sell in the hallway to any Legion Family attendees for \$1.00 per bottle with all proceeds going to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Please make sure your members are aware of this.

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1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership

As of September 30, 2020

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
9	Winona	141	13		13	9.22%	128
90	Lewiston	36	1		1	2.78%	35
190	St Charles	51	6		6	11.76%	45
50	Wabasha	110	27		27	24.55%	83
110	Lake City	64	39		39	60.94%	25
179	Plainview	120	8		8	6.67%	112
546	Kellogg	110	5		5	4.55%	105
573	Elgin	13	1		1	7.69%	12
579	Millville	51	25		25	49.02%	26
588	Mazeppa	37	3		3	8.11%	34
92	Rochester	136	31		31	22.79%	105
119	Byron	41	8		8	19.51%	33
164	Stewartville	175	97		97	55.43%	78
551	Eyota	97	25		25	25.77%	72
Pod One Total		1182	289		289	24.45%	893
295	West Concord	32	2		2	6.25%	30
330	Hayfield	173	8		8	4.62%	165
333	Kasson	135	31		31	22.96%	104
384	Dodge Center	64	2		2	3.13%	62
422	Claremont	20	1		1	5.00%	19
52	Blooming Prairie	91	34		34	37.36%	57
77	Owatonna	111	17		17	15.32%	94
75	New Richland	45	2		2	4.44%	43
228	Waseca	240	52		52	21.67%	188
587	Waldorf	21	16		16	76.19%	5
Pod Two Totals		932	165		165	17.70%	767
40	Lanesboro	97	28		28	28.87%	69
68	Spring Valley	39	5		5	12.82%	34
81	Harmony	52	1		1	1.92%	51
94	Rushford	45	0		0	0.00%	45
197	Chatfield	30	1		1	3.33%	29
299	Mabel	116	35		35	30.17%	81

369	Wykoff	17	16	16	94.12%	1
526	Peterson	46	44	44	95.65%	2
544	Ostrander	14	1	1	7.14%	13
637	Whalan	21	0	0	0.00%	21
191	Caledonia	75	0	0	0.00%	75
249	Spring Grove	109	30	30	27.52%	79
423	Houston	126	2	2	1.59%	124
498	Hokah	18	4	4	22.22%	14
595	La Crescent	171	16	16	9.36%	155
Pod Three Totals		976	183	183	18.75%	793
56	Albert Lea	285	59	59	20.70%	226
264	Glenville	90	26	26	28.89%	64
404	Alden	43	1	1	2.33%	42
552	Freeborn	62	54	54	87.10%	8
91	Austin	134	3	3	2.24%	131
105	Lyle	52	0	0	0.00%	52
140	Grand Meadow	65	30	30	46.15%	35
146	Adams	127	5	5	3.94%	122
161	Leroy	46	0	0	0.00%	46
Pod Four Totals		904	178	178	19.69%	726
Total		3994	815	815	20.41%	3179

Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem

The First District ended strong in 2020 and this would be wonderful to see a repeat in 2020/2021. Continue to work hard and keep membership alive.

The Department has a few concerns about receiving applications for new membership. Please when sending in this information make sure the following detail is included:

Signature of new member

Legion membership card number of eligible veteran

Legion member name – post & city & state (middle initials really help for very common names)

Relationship to veteran box checked

Deceased or living checked

Birthdates are mandatory for Junior members and highly recommended for Senior members

Signature of verification of eligibility from American Legion Post Officer not an ALA officer

If this information is not filled out properly the application is sent back to the units or held in the Department office.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Tonia Bettermann, Membership Chairman

FROM YOUR HONORARY JR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

My name is Taylor McElroy and I would like to introduce myself as the new Honorary Junior President of the 1st District. I am fourteen and I am a freshman this upcoming school year. I am involved in band, volleyball, basketball, track, and softball. I have been apart of the Junior Auxiliary for as long as I can remember! Up until this year, I have been the secretary and most recently the treasurer also. I plan on continuing Kassy's project, Believet Service Dogs This project is a way to raise money to help pay for the service dogs that go out to veterans in need.

I got to meet the Believet service dog people at Fall Rally and was really impressed. We passed a basket around at the rally for donations for my project and I want to thank everyone who donated.

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

SOME INFORMATION ON BELIEVET SERVICE DOGS

OUR PROGRAM

The Need

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

Our Response

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

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

Our Dogs

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

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

Our Facility

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

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

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 167. Why?? This is not all due to death. We need to Re-new-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 2020-2021. Your per capita is based on your membership as of July 31, 2020. (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, 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:

Audrey Farnsworth	email: harlee@charter.net
302 1st St. E.	Cell – 507-319-0257
Stewartville, MN 55976	

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 2020-2021. 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>Members</u>	<u>PerCapita</u>	<u>Jrs.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adams	126	\$252	\$10	\$262
Albert Lea	283	\$566	\$10	\$576
Alden	42	\$ 84	\$10	\$ 94
Austin	133	\$266	\$10	\$276
Blooming Prairie	90	\$180	\$10	\$190
Byron	40	\$ 80	\$10	\$90
Caledonia	74	\$148	\$10	\$158
Chatfield	29	\$ 58	\$10	\$ 68
Claremont	19	\$ 38	\$10	\$ 48
Dodge Center	63	\$126	\$10	\$136
Elgin	12	\$ 24	\$10	\$ 34
Eyota	96	\$192	\$10	\$202
Freeborn	61	\$122	\$10	\$132
Glenville	89	\$178	\$10	\$188
Grand Meadow	64	\$128	\$10	\$138
Harmony	51	\$102	\$10	\$112
Hayfield	172	\$344	\$10	\$354
Hokah	17	\$ 34	\$10	\$ 44
Houston	125	\$250	\$10	\$260
Kasson	134	\$268	\$10	\$278
Kellogg	109	\$218	\$10	\$228
LaCrescent	169	\$338	\$10	\$348
Lake City	63	\$126	\$10	\$136
Lanesboro	96	\$192	\$10	\$202
LeRoy	45	\$ 90	\$10	\$100

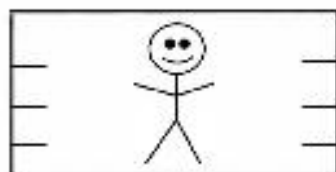
Lewiston	35	\$ 70	\$10	\$ 80
Lyle	51	\$102	\$10	\$112
Mabel	115	\$230	\$10	\$240
Mazeppa	36	\$ 72	\$10	\$ 82
Millville	50	\$100	\$10	\$110
New Richland	44	\$ 88	\$10	\$ 98
Ostrander	13	\$ 26	\$10	\$ 36
Owatonna	110	\$220	\$10	\$230
Peterson	45	\$ 90	\$10	\$100
Plainview	119	\$238	\$10	\$248
Rochester	135	\$270	\$10	\$280
Rushford	44	\$ 88	\$10	\$ 98
Spring Grove	108	\$216	\$10	\$226
Spring Valley	38	\$ 76	\$10	\$ 86
St. Charles	50	\$100	\$10	\$110
Stewartville	173	\$346	\$10	\$356
Wabasha	109	\$218	\$10	\$228
Waldorf	20	\$ 40	\$10	\$ 50
Waseca	238	\$476	\$10	\$486
West Concord	31	\$ 62	\$10	\$ 72
Whalen	20	\$ 40	\$10	\$ 50

How to make a *Face Mask*

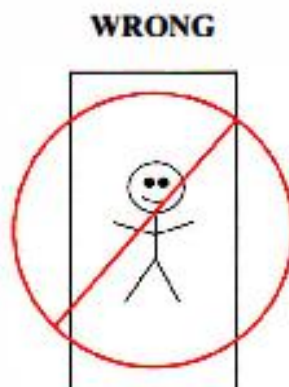
You will need a cotton fabric, any print for adult: 100% cotton, tightly woven fabric is preferred. Cotton flannel for the backing is preferred, though a different print of standard cotton is accepted.
 1/8" flat braided elastic
 Cut the elastic 7" long

Adult face mask (9"x6")

1. Put right sides of cotton and flannel fabric together.
2. Starting at the center of bottom edge sew to the first corner, stop. Sew end of elastic to corner. A few stitches forward and back will hold this.
3. Sew to the next corner, stop, and bring the other end of that same elastic to the corner and sew a few stitches forward and back.
4. Now sew across that top of the mask to the next corner. And repeat #2 to the corner.
5. Sew to next corner and sew in the other end of the same elastic.
6. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out
7. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask to create pleats. Make sure the tucks are the same direction.
8. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.



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Full Tutorial on their Facebook and Website

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.*



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1st District

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



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Greeting from the First District American Legion Riders!

Happy Fall to all,

The First District ALR will meet on Saturday, October 10th, 2020 at 4pm.

This meeting will be held at the Adams American Legion Post #146.

Address: 321 W Main St, Adams, MN

Please share this with your chapter members. We have not been together for a long time and this will be a chance to visit and catch up on all the things we have been able to do.

This meeting is open to anyone who has interest in the ALR or has something they would like to bring up.

First District ALR Secretary

Nancy Lewison

Island City Ride for Vets

Saturday September 26, 2020

Post 9 American Legion

302 E Sarnia, Winona MN 55987

9AM – Motorcycle registration

\$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger

10AM – Kickstands up!



Winona ALR Challenge Coins
Available \$10.00 each

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

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

"All raffle tickets previously purchased are still valid."

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

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



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**





We've missed you!

**THE KASSON AMERICAN LEGION PATIO
IS OPENING JUNE 1 AT 3 P.M.**

Join us on the patio for

- * *Beer Specials*
- * *E-tabs, pull tabs and e-bingo*
- * *Taco Tuesday's are back!*
- * *Pizza available*
- * *Wait staff outside*

We're looking forward to seeing you again!

EYOTA POST 551 INFORMATION

The bar will reopen on June 1st at 4:00. We have missed our customers (friends), but please be patient with the new rules.

- * Boston Dawn will be our bartender for the 1st week or so.
- * Customers cannot enter the building.
- * Patio service only.
- * Recycling and garbage containers will be available on the patio.
- * Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase.

The bar will be learning how to best serve our customers (friends) on a daily basis. Your business will be appreciated. Thanks

THIS PROGRAM IS STILL ACTIVE AND SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED BUT RIGHT NOW THE ITEMS ARE BEING SENT TO THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD IN MINNEAPOLIS DOING SECURITY.



The Eyota Legion Riders are asking for donations to put care packages together for local soldiers who are deployed.

Please see the list of items that are needed.

Drop off locations are at:

- ❖ Eyota American Legion
- ❖ Little Eagles Childcare Center/Eyota
- ❖ Olmsted County Veteran Services Office
- ❖ Anytime Fitness/Byron



CANDY

- Candy (heat resistant)
- Fruit Breezes (throat drops)
- Twizzlers

CORRESPONDENCE

- Writing Paper and Envelopes
- Pens/Pencils

DENTAL

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Mouthwash

DRINK

- Coffee (instant)
- Coffee Creamer
- Individual Size Drink Mixes

FOOD (including dry goods, snacks)

- Oatmeal (instant)
- Ramen Noodles-any flavor
- Bars (Clif or Balance)
- Beef Jerky or SlimJims
- Granola Bars
- Individual Crackers or Cookies
- Canned Fruit (pop top cans)
- Gum
- Sugar packets
- Ravioli (pop top cans)
- Tuna Kits

TOILETRIES/HYGIENE

- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products (for female soldiers)
- Travel size body wash
- Deodorant
- Foot Powder
- Hand Lotion
- Q-Tips
- Razors (disposable)
- Shampoo
- Sunscreen
- Tylenol (individual packets)

Other

- Batteries (AA, D,)
- Bug Spray (must be packaged in zip-lock bag)
- Duct Tape
- Flashlights (mini/mag lite, extra bulbs, lots of batteries)
- Fans (battery powered – small – with extra batteries)
- Fly Strips
- Fly Swatters
- Socks

ENTERTAINMENT

- Playing Cards
- Crossword Puzzles
- Hand held electronic games
- Soduko books