



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN



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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On the last page of this newsletter you will find the three (3) applications for the Legion Family.

Please print off that page of the newsletter and care the applications with you in case you run across someone who is not a member. Remember, **“all you have to do is ask.”**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Oct 21,23, 2021—Dept Fall Conference. Shooting Star Casino, Mahnoman, MN**

**October 27, 2021 - Stewartville Post 164 Steak and Shrimp Fry 5:30 to 7:00 PM**

**November 6, 2021—First District Fall Rally, Owatonna Post 77. Exec Boards at 8:30 AM with Rally Starting at 10:00 AM. registration is Five (5) dollars and lunch is Eight (8) Dollars.**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2021—Veterans Day. Please take time to attend a Veterans Day Program somewhere.**

### 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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Greetings to all in the 1<sup>st</sup> District,

I want to give a 'Big' shout out to Commander Tom Turner & Auxiliary President Mary Ann Burt from Post 295 West Concord and Waseca SAL Squadron 228 Commander Bruce for the wonderful donations to my program, the Technology Fund. That fund will help us reach our younger Veterans and their families like the ones you see in the picture below from the Open House at Camp Ripley the weekend of September 17-19<sup>th</sup> through all Social Media and equipment. all around the State. I could see that as I attended the National Security & Foreign Relations briefing at Camp Ripley. One item that was talked about was the Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake. Available to all Active, Reserves, Retired, Disable, Veterans, Families and Guests. Check it out at [www.vetscampmn.com](http://www.vetscampmn.com).



**While at Camp Ripley, It's time** for the season change and we can all see that happening in the vegetation I met Maj. John G. Donovan, U.S. Army, Ret. Who is the director of the Recovery Community Network which provides services to Service-members, Veterans and their family members who are living with, or seeking help with a substance use disorder. Check this offer out at <https://www.tfaforms.com/4930839>

**Also,** Ret. Maj. Donovan stated, "I'm involved with a concert that is devoted to our Vietnam Veterans. It has played over 50 performances to an estimated 44,000 people. I have put a link to an upcoming performance in **Chatfield this October 16th.**" <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=123669> I'm sure we'll see many from our Chatfield Post 197 and many others from the 1<sup>st</sup> District at the event. What a wonderful tribute to our Vietnam Veterans.

**Questions for the Commander:** OK, I'm going to have this each month as I'm being asked many questions as I travel around. Here's one: **Where should the American Flag be in a parade? A color guard should lead the parade, even before banners or vehicles which mark the celebration.** In the parade, the U.S. flag should be in one or two positions. Either Old Glory leads the parade alone, or it is placed at the right of the color guard while it faces forward. Old Glory should be the first in the parade behind the lead Law Enforcement Vehicle.

## THE COMMANDERS ARTICLE CONTINUED

**Are we required to wear our covers at our Post meeting?** The Legion uniform cap should be worn by its members only when in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies or as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions or by individuals when officially representing The American Legion on public occasions. A member is considered to be in uniform if wearing an official Legion uniform cap. Therefore, it is not proper to wear the cap while eating a meal at an official Legion or civic luncheon or dinner. If at your Post you're no one is wearing their cover, ask your Commander why.

**Finally**, mark your calendar to attend the upcoming Fall Conference at Owatonna's Post 77 to be held Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless America, Our Troops, Our Veterans & Families...and YOU!

Commander Mike Parry

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To the American Legion Family,

These past few months have been a trying time for our country. With everything going on surrounding Covid-19 and all the rest of what's happening here in the states, one has to wonder. And then, that is saying nothing about what's happening on the world stage.

I sometimes wonder where we are headed as a nation. There seems to be no respect for law and order. Crime is up in every major city, shootings are an every day occurrence, and few citizens seem to care. People are protesting police, wanting to defund them, when what I feel we need right now is more police, not less; but then who would want the job when no one has your back? Not everybody wants to see these things happening, but a certain few who are in power or places of authority or influence, are making their voices heard. It's time for the silent majority to take a stand.

I'm reminded of 2Timothy 4 where Paul says to Timothy, "I give you this charge: Preach the Word, be prepared in season and out of season, correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations."

The Bible tells us in the end times right will be wrong and wrong will be right. We need to be in prayer for our nation and those in authority. Keep our service personnel in your heart and remember them in your prayers. Check on a fellow veteran, help someone in need.

Until Next Month, Peace and Grace to You and Yours,  
Larry H. Otto, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chaplain

## **DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT DATES.**

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

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

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

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

**November 6 – First District Fall Rally – Owatonna post 77, 8:30 AM  
Exec Boards, 10:00 AM Rally. Registration Five (5) dollars & lunch  
eight (8) dollars.**

**December 4 – Department Pearl Harbor Rally – Montgomery**

**December 12 – First District Christmas Party – Location & Time TBA**

**January 8, 2022 – First District Mid-Winter at Waseca Post 228, Exec  
Boards 8:30 AM, Sessions 10:00 AM**

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

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

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

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

**March 19, 2020 West Side Rally—Ellendale, Time TBA**

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

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

**May 21—The First District Legion, SAL and Auxiliary Convention -  
Albert Lea Post 56 - 9AM Exec Boards, 10 AM Convention**

The leaves are starting to turn. Fall is now upon us with colder weather on the way. Before you know it the snow will be falling.

Area 4 is doing well with renewing memberships. We are at 50% or higher so far. Congratulations! So keep working hard to make those numbers go up.

Albert Lea Post 56 honored their volunteers & Honor Guard with a meal in September serving 65 Honor Guard and 72 volunteers. What a great way to show appreciation for all their hard work.

American Legion Department of Minnesota will be offering girls fast pitch softball in 2022. I am very excited because my granddaughter's both play fast pitch softball. I am really hoping this will become successful.

Attending a post meeting last month in area 4, I thought it was awesome that the commander puts a couple of copies of his agenda on each table for the members to follow along. I also had the opportunity to present commander Mike's project "Technology". The money is going to be used in two purchases. The first is to purchase a laptop for our Membership Director and the second is to purchase a notebook for our Adjutant. Those two are constantly online and working with Facebook website etc. They both have outdated and slow machines. Commander's after you read the District Newsletter please make sure to inform your members on what is going on. Check with your Auxiliary Presidents, SAL Squadron Commanders and Legion Rider Directors to see if they have read the newsletter and see if they want to receive it every month. If they haven't then inform them on what you read. There is a lot of good information on what's going on ie: conferences dates, convention dates etc. Keeping your members informed and allowing your posts to plan ahead is so important in accomplishing your mission. "COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR POST".

Make sure you inform your veterans that the VA clinic's in their area ie: Albert Lea, is offering flu shots that started on Thursday September 23rd. This is a drive up and receive your shot. There is no appointment needed. It will continue for the next two weeks in October. These are held on Thursday 7th and on Thursday 14th from 12:30 - 3:30PM each day. Until next month.

Wes Halverson  
Area 4 Vice Commander

### A GOOD REASON TO JOIN

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

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

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

Greetings Bother Legionnaires!

One of the buzzwords thrown about at various levels of the American Legion is "connecting" to the local community. In and of itself, this is exactly what we should be doing to further our reach and influence as well as make a positive impact in the local areas we live and work in. I'm not going to suggest I have the answers to how a Post does this. However, I can throw out an idea that is both easy and excellent for public relations and focused on youth.

"Connect" with the local school system. Talk with the school Superintendent and the guidance counselor. Tell them you want to sponsor awards for academics for graduating seniors, and maybe other grades. If you go the American Legion's store, Flag and Emblem, you will find multiple medals that are for youth activities. These medals don't cost very much and make a great award to students along with a certificate. Most schools have a baccalaureate ceremony for the graduating seniors. Giving these awards to deserving students is a fantastic way to increase your Post's visibility in the community and it gives you an "in" with the school system. If your school has a trap/skeet team, sponsor their awards. Again, there are youth marksmanship medals available. Find out if your County 4-H program has archery or air rifle/pistol competitors. Sponsor those awards.

On a separate, but related, note. Every Post should have a copy of the American Legion Certificate Maker CD. You can get it at Flag and Emblem. This CD, a ream of cardstock, a stack of 8.5 x 11 frames from Dollar General, and a color printer gives your Post a cheap and easy way to give awards and show appreciation to people and groups in your community. This CD has twenty-some different official American Legion (as well as Sons and Auxiliary) certificates that you can fill in on your computer and then print out. They look very professional. We are a volunteer organization. We can't give someone a raise, but we can give them a very public thank you are helping out by giving certificates of appreciation and things like that.

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## FROM YOUR FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hello Legionnaires,

I would like to thank the post membership directors that took the time to speak with me the past few weeks. I have been calling posts in the district to see which ones are using mylegion. So far I have found only 17 of the 57 posts in the district use mylegion. I would like to encourage post directors to find a younger member to get involved and work together.

There is a current issue with mylegion and the statement below was put out by Department Adjutant Mike Maxa:

"There is an issue with MyLegion.org. When SOME Posts/Sq go to process their membership, prior to selecting the banking information, they get the below error message.

*There is some issue in eCheck processing. Please contact system administrator.*

If a Post/Sqd gets this message please contact Linda Dvorak 952-457-2129, [Ldvorak56@gmail.com](mailto:Ldvorak56@gmail.com) or Jennifer Havlick 218-206-5796, [jennifer.havlick@outlook.com](mailto:jennifer.havlick@outlook.com) for assistance. National will need to cancel their banking information and it will need to be re-entered again."

The next target is 55% by October 14. Please review the attached membership report and see where your post is currently standing. There are 40 posts that are currently at 55% or higher. This is a good start.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Mary Hanson  
1st District Membership Director

## FIRST DISTRICT AREA VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS

	Vice Commanders											
	<b>Area One</b>					0	0	1866	2951	63.23%	0	0
	<b>Area Two</b>					0	0	972	1606	60.52%	0	0
	<b>Area Three</b>					0	0	788	1370	57.52%	0	0
	<b>Area Four</b>					0	0	946	1607	58.87%	0	0

12 The Dept of MN, First District Membership report for September 30, 2021

Dist	Post	Location	New 2022	PUFL 2022	Online 2022	Trad 2022	Paid 2022	HQ Trans 2022	Total Membr 2022	Goal 2022	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2022	Last yr at this dae
1	9	Winona	0	0	0	0	0	0	318	505	62.97%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	73	16.44%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	135	82.22%	0	0
1		<b>Winona County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	441	713	61.85%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	0	0	0	0	0	0	133	219	60.73%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	145	76.55%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	148	68.92%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	61	63.93%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	28	75.00%	0	0
1	579	Millville	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	151	51.66%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	69	68.12%	0	0
1		<b>Wabsha County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	531	821	64.68%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	0	0	0	0	0	0	534	808	66.09%	0	0
1	119	Byron	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	130	16.92%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	0	0	0	0	0	0	216	283	76.33%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	16	62.50%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	180	62.22%	0	0
1		<b>Olmsted County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	894	1417	63.09%	0	0
1		<b>Area One</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1866	2951	63.23%	0	0
1	295	West Concord	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	49	67.35%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	178	55.06%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	262	60.31%	0	0
1	384	Dodge Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	81	55.56%	0	0
1	422	Claremont	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	31	80.65%	0	0
1		<b>Dodge County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	359	601	59.73%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	91	59.34%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	0	0	0	0	0	0	225	429	52.45%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	36	75.00%	0	0
1		<b>Steel County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	306	556	55.04%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	50	66.00%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	0	0	0	0	0	0	197	288	68.40%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	88	72.73%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	23	56.52%	0	0
1		<b>Waseca County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	307	449	68.37%	0	0
		<b>Area Two</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	972	1606	60.52%	0	0

1	140	Lanesboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	109	58.72%	0	0
1	68	Spring Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	74	66.22%	0	0
1	81	Harmony	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	31	48.39%	0	0
1	94	Rushford	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	105	17.14%	0	0
1	166	Preston	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	53	79.25%	0	0
1	197	Chatfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	40	92.50%	0	0
1	299	Mabel	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	160	54.38%	0	0
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	18	44.44%	0	0
1	400	Canton	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	21	28.57%	0	0
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	14	50.00%	0	0
1	526	Peterson	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	39	64.10%	0	0
1	544	Ostrander	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	23	73.91%	0	0
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	63.64%	0	0
1		<b>Fillmore County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	382	698	54.73%	0	0
1	191	Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	139	74.82%	0	0
1	249	Spring Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	149	51.68%	0	0
1	423	Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	102	51.96%	0	0
1	498	Hokah	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	8.70%	0	0
1	595	LaCrescent	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	259	65.64%	0	0
1		<b>Houston County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	406	672	60.42%	0	0
1		<b>Area Three</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	788	1370	57.52%	0	0
1	56	Albert Lea	0	0	0	0	0	0	345	522	66.09%	0	0
1	264	Glenville	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	70	57.14%	0	0
1	266	Hartland	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	14	92.86%	0	0
1	317	Emmons	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	48	60.42%	0	0
1	404	Alden	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	98	8.16%	0	0
1	552	Freeborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	32	18.75%	0	0
1		<b>Freeborn County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	441	784	56.25%	0	0
1	91	Austin	0	0	0	0	0	0	295	474	62.24%	0	0
1	105	Lyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	84	51.19%	0	0
1	140	Grand Meadow	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	42	54.76%	0	0
1	146	Adams	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	151	68.21%	0	0
1	161	LeRoy	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	56	57.14%	0	0
1	570	Austin Spam	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	16	56.25%	0	0
1		<b>Mower County</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	505	823	61.36%	0	0
1		<b>Area Four</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	946	1607	58.87%	0	0
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1		<b>District Totals</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	4572	7534	60.68%	0	0

Good day all,

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

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

From VHA Chief of Staff:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you all for you do for Veterans!

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

Andrea

Regards,

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

## THE MEANING OF COINS ON A HEADSTONE




A penny, you stopped and paid your respects.



A nickle, you attended bootcamp with them



A dime, you served in the armed forces with them



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

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



### This Is Hallowed Ground

#### Why You Don't Walk Between The Colors

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

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

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



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

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The Department Harvest Rally was a great success at Legionville in September. There were a few new faces from the 1<sup>st</sup> District that attended. This was nice to see at a department function.

Membership through September 22, 2021, has the 1<sup>st</sup> District in 9<sup>th</sup> place in the department. Please turn in membership on a regular basis because there is no reason to hold from being sent to department. The earlier we know where we stand, the better we can see where we have problems and help.

Fall Conference will be held at Mahnomen Shooting Star Casino on October 21 through October 23, 2021. Our National President Kathy Daudistel will be the Auxiliary's special guest for the conference. This is a great honor for Minnesota.

The 1<sup>st</sup> District Fall Rally will be held in Owatonna on November 6, 2021. Doors will open at 8 a.m. for early registration. Executive board meeting will start at 8:30 AM through 9:30 a.m. The joint session will start at 10 a.m. The cost for registration will be \$5 and the cost of the meal will be \$8.

I really appreciate all the work that the members do for the communities and the veterans.

Thank you,

Tonia Bettermann  
1<sup>st</sup> District Auxiliary President

### From Past District President Wanda

I would like to thank our 1<sup>st</sup> District Units and members for doing the great job on membership for this past year! Being that we were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Department of Minnesota, we were chosen along with the 1<sup>st</sup> Place -4<sup>th</sup> District to be flag bearers at the National Convention representing Minnesota. This would not have happened, without ALL of you! It was an honor and privilege to represent 1<sup>st</sup> District on this achievement!

ALL of you, made this happen! The year is just starting, so lets ALL work hard on membership! I know we can do it again!

Past-President-Wanda Prescher

Picture I am sending Wayne from my phone is with Linda Deschene – incoming President for the 10<sup>th</sup> District

Sending a good picture of Dale, Larry and Myron as well. (pictures on next page).

Myron Enrich, Larry Otto and Dale Wellik at the National Convention in Phoenix , AZ



Past First District President Wanda Prescher with 10th District President Linda Deschene at the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ

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Constitution & By-Laws								
Music								

## FROM YOUR HONORARY JR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

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

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

Taylor McElroy—First District Honorary Jr Auxiliary President

## SOME INFORMATION ON BELIEVET SERVICE DOGS

### OUR PROGRAM

#### The Need

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

#### Our Response

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

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

#### Our Dogs

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

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

#### Our Facility

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

For more information check out their website at: [believevet.org](http://believevet.org)

## FROM YOUR FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the 2022 membership year! I feel so privileged to serve as your Department of Minnesota, First District Membership Chairman. I look forward to working with the units in all ten districts because,

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!

The National Auxiliary goal this year is to challenge each unit to gain one member greater than last year. That means that if you renew all your members from last year, your goal is to add one member. Of course, many of us lose members due to moving, death, or not renewing and so we must replace those members plus add one. Yes, there will be contests between units and between districts, but more importantly, we are going to work together as a family so that we can make the Minnesota Goal. Some units may be more successful, which will help those units that have lost members. There are 423 units in our state, so our goal is to add 423 members to our Department membership.

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!

The contest will be for both small and large units, so I hope your unit will also work together to make the goal. Membership is a unit responsibility NOT a Chairman's responsibility. We all should be the ones out in the community talking to others about our great organization. Using those opportunities is what will make our unit successful.

As a part of a Legion Family, we want to help the Post and SAL grow, so we are also challenging the Auxiliary members to always consider the other organizations in our family. When you approach someone to join your Auxiliary, ask about other members of their family – do they have children, spouses, siblings that are eligible to belong to one of the family organizations?

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!

You will be hearing more from me throughout the year. I will always have information in the bi-monthly Unit Mailings, so please read and share with your units. I plan to ask all the District Newsletter Editors if I can contribute to their newsletters. If you don't have a newsletter for your district, please feel free to contact me and I will add you to my e-mailing list.

I will be sharing ideas of ways to encourage membership in your unit. I invite you to send me any ideas that you would be willing to share with all of Minnesota unites, because,

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!

Remember, working together as a unit, a district and as the Department of Minnesota will make us successful.

Membership Chairman Linda Kelly

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**Please note the following dates with percentages for incentive awards:**

September 11, 2021—Harvest Rally at Legionville 40%

December 4, 2021—Pearl Harbor Rally at No St Paul 80%

February 5, 2022—Sweetheart Rally at Pine Island 90%

March 12, 2022—Appreciation Rally at Forest Lake 100%

This is information I wanted to share from our Membership Chairman Linda Kelly. In the following months I will be sharing information on incentives for our 1<sup>st</sup> District so please stay tuned!!

Kathy Fredrickson, 1<sup>st</sup> District Membership Chairman

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Bulletin #2

9/22/2021

2022 Membership

**RENEW - RECRUIT - REJOIN**

Together, We Can Do It!

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	9/23/2020	Difference from Last Year
						Membership Last Year	
One	48	3,802	79	394	10.36%	380	-14
Two	72	3,745	18	390	10.41%	489	99
Three	46	3,671	54	442	12.04%	495	53
Four	7	563	37	120	21.31%	81	-39
Five	7	509	7	42	8.25%	70	28
Six	62	4,855	49	754	15.53%	941	187
Seven	60	2,970	80	329	11.08%	313	-16
Eight	25	1,214	17	161	13.26%	214	53
Nine	49	3,239	203	528	16.30%	350	-178
Ten	44	3,765	71	484	12.86%	541	57
1982 Dept	1	203	5	47	23.15%	74	27
<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>28,536</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>3,691</b>	<b>12.93%</b>	<b>3,948</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>Group 1 (Even)</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>14,142</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>13.50%</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>357</b>
<i>Sharon Thiemecke</i>							
<b>Group 2 (Odd)</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>14,191</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>12.23%</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>-127</b>
<i>Mary Kuperus</i>							

**RANKINGS**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
21.31%	16.30%	15.53%	13.26%	12.86%	12.04%	11.08%	10.41%	10.36%	8.25%
<b>District 4</b>	<b>District 9</b>	<b>District 6</b>	<b>District 8</b>	<b>District 10</b>	<b>District 3</b>	<b>District 7</b>	<b>District 2</b>	<b>District 1</b>	<b>District 5</b>



## 1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership As of September 22, 2021

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
9	Winona	119	7		7	5.88%	112
90	Lewiston	36	0		0	0.00%	36
190	St Charles	46	1		1	2.17%	45
50	Wabasha	104	25		25	24.04%	79
110	Lake City	70	1		1	1.43%	69
179	Plainview	127	5		5	3.94%	122
546	Kellogg	100	9		9	9.00%	91
573	Elgin	14	1		1	7.14%	13
579	Millville	45	3		3	6.67%	42
588	Mazeppa	37	3		3	8.11%	34
92	Rochester	130	2		2	1.54%	128
119	Byron	23	4		4	17.39%	19
164	Stewartville	164	30		30	18.29%	22 134

551	Eyota	95	12		12	12.63%	83
<b>Pod One Total</b>		<b>1110</b>	<b>103</b>		<b>103</b>	<b>9.28%</b>	<b>1007</b>
295	West Concord	29	1		1	3.45%	28
330	Hayfield	171	5		5	2.92%	166
333	Kasson	143	6		6	4.20%	137
384	Dodge Center	57	2		2	3.51%	55
422	Claremont	21	1		1	4.76%	20
52	Blooming Prairie	89	5		5	5.62%	84
77	Owatonna	104	12		12	11.54%	92
75	New Richland	41	2		2	4.88%	39
228	Waseca	225	17		17	7.56%	208
587	Waldorf	19	0		0	0.00%	19
<b>Pod Two Totals</b>		<b>899</b>	<b>51</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>5.67%</b>	<b>848</b>
40	Lanesboro	84	2		2	2.38%	82
68	Spring Valley	40	4		4	10.00%	36
81	Harmony	53	1		1	1.89%	52
94	Rushford	39	0		0	0.00%	39
197	Chatfield	26	1		1	3.85%	25
299	Mabel	120	37		37	30.83%	83
369	Wykoff	17	17		17	100.00%	0
526	Peterson	45	4		4	8.89%	41
544	Ostrander	13	0		0	0.00%	13
637	Whalan	18	0		0	0.00%	18
191	Caledonia	71	39		39	54.93%	32
249	Spring Grove	94	1		1	1.06%	93
423	Houston	117	2		2	1.71%	115
498	Hokah	18	4		4	22.22%	14
595	La Crescent	160	10		10	6.25%	150
<b>Pod Three Totals</b>		<b>915</b>	<b>122</b>		<b>122</b>	<b>13.33%</b>	<b>793</b>
56	Albert Lea	266	22		22	8.27%	244
264	Glenville	96	14		14	14.58%	82
404	Alden	42	0		0	0.00%	42
552	Freeborn	58	47		47	81.03%	11
91	Austin	122	0		0	0.00%	122
105	Lyle	53	0		0	0.00%	53
140	Grand Meadow	62	31		31	50.00%	31
146	Adams	130	4		4	3.08%	126
161	Leroy	49	0		0	0.00%	49
<b>Pod Four Totals</b>		<b>878</b>	<b>118</b>		<b>118</b>	<b>13.44%</b>	<b>760</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>3802</b>	<b>394</b>		<b>394</b>	<b>10.36%</b>	<b>3408</b>

## **ALL First District AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS**

September 2021

Auxiliary Membership Eligibility Change Campaign

(Copied & Used with permission /via telephone of Karla Joyce.)

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely, Secretary Sandy Fredrickson

# CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

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

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

**Question:** Why change ALA membership eligibility?

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

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

**Q: How can this change help ALA membership?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A:** We anticipate taking applications on Sept. 1.

# AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**THIS IS THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**



## American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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## From the SAL Commander

### October 1<sup>st</sup> District Newsletter

Greeting American Legion Family,

Thank you one and all on the prayers and well wishes regarding my recent shoulder surgery. All went well. I'm in the second week of a few months' recovery/rehab phase, physical torture.

The First District had their presents known at the annual camp-o-ree at Legionville. The weather was awesome, and the food was great but more important was the renewed friendships due to covid shutting down much of the past 18 months. Its not too early to mark your calendars for the next years camp-o-ree. It is projected the first weekend after Labor Day September 8, 2022.

As of the writing of John Zgoda Disabled Veterans Hunt was getting under way more to follow next month.

The Annual Department Fall Conference will be held October 21-23, 2021, at Mahnomen Minnesota. Meetings will be held; training will be there for those who want it and of course there will be great fun and good. If you are not doing anything, see the attached information, make a reservation, and come join us.

Membership continues to come in. Reach out to all, especially those who still haven't paid for 2021. With everyone contacting just one person we can be at 100% plus in no time at all. The same goes for recruiting new members, just ask.

A big thank you to the folks in Kellogg for the invite and ride in the Watermelon Day Parade. Great weather and awesome turn out.

Thank you,

Chuck Stone  
 1<sup>st</sup> District SAL Commander

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## FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

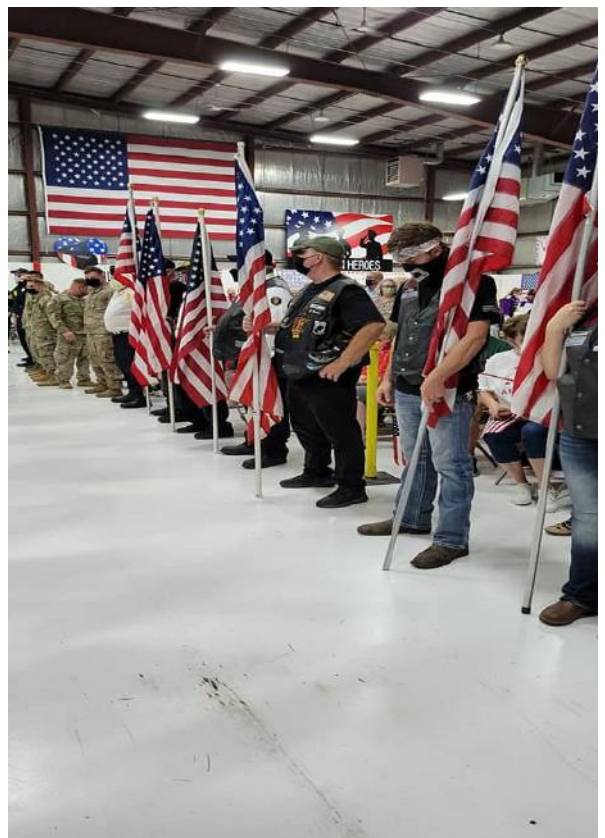
Beautiful riding weather for the month of September. Turn out for Department Romp at Legionville by the 1<sup>st</sup> District ALR was amazing. Good time had by all. The Winona Riders had a chilly start for their Island City Ride on September 25 but the day turned out to be beautiful for riding and raising money to help area Veterans and their families.

As the leaves begin to change color and the temperatures begin to fall, we as Riders prepare for the challenge of making it through winter without wind therapy. No worries though as we are planning for our winter fundraising projects and holiday get-togethers. Stay tuned for details on how you can join in the fun!

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Karla "Sunshine" Miller, Secretary



First District American Legion Riders at Legionville for the 2021 Romp. Austin, Adams and Winona Chapters were represented.



Winona and Rushford American Legion Riders welcoming home the Honor Flight

# **KASSON AMERICAN LEGION**



# **OCTOBERFEST**

**OCTOBER 9, 2021**

**PREGAMERS BBQ** Serving from 3-8 pm

**MANKATO BREWERY** Serving from 4-7 pm

**MUSIC ON THE PATIO** Rob Wood & Kelly Kelly. 4-7 pm



# October



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

**HAPPY HOUR**

MON-FRI 3-6PM  
If the last number of your American Legion member card matches the number of the day you can buy one/get one free on any drink! (One per day)

**DAILY DRINK SPECIALS**




MONDAY **CAPTAIN MORGAN**  
TUESDAY **MARGARITA**  
WEDNESDAY **WINDSOR**  
THURSDAY **TITO'S**  
FRIDAY **RED SHIRT DAY**  
SATURDAY **SELTZER'S**  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY **POST 333 BLOODY MARY**



**BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE**  
5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup> PM  
KM Girls Hockey



**STEAK FRY**  
5-7 PM  
Dodge County 4H

<p>3 <b>VIKINGS vs. BROWNS</b> 12 PM <b>CELEBRITY BARTENDING</b> 1-4 PM</p>	<p>4 <b>BARGO</b> <b>FREE BARGO</b> 6:30 PM 13263000-1030424970 <b>MASON MONDAY MEAL</b> 6 PM</p>	<p>5 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5-7 PM</p>	<p>6 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 <b>OCTOBERFEST</b> 3-8 PM</p> 
<p>10 <b>VIKINGS vs. LIONS</b> 12 PM <b>CELEBRITY BARTENDING</b> 1-4 PM</p>	<p>11 <b>BARGO</b> 3 27345067 6 19354865 7 25...5461 1326365564 1030424970 <b>FREE BARGO</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>12 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5-7 PM</p>	<p>13 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <b>BURGER NIGHT &amp; MEAT RAFFLE</b> 5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup> PM Dodge County Boys Hockey</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 <b>VIKINGS vs. PANTHERS</b> 12 PM <b>CELEBRITY BARTENDING</b> 1-4 PM</p>	<p>18 <b>BARGO</b> 3 27345067 6 19354865 7 25...5461 1326365564 1030424970 <b>FREE BARGO</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>19 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5-7 PM</p>	<p>20 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21 <b>POST 333</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 6 PM <b>OPEN MEETING</b> 7 PM <b>AUXILIARY MEETING</b> 6 PM</p>	<p>22 <b>BURGER NIGHT &amp; MEAT RAFFLE</b> 5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup> PM Dodge County 4H</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>25 <b>BARGO</b> <b>FREE BARGO</b> 6:30 PM 13263000-1030424970 <b>HALLOWEEN HUNT IS ON!</b> Oct 25 - 30</p>	<p>26 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5-7 PM</p>	<p>27 <b>BINGO</b> 6:30 pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 <b>BURGER NIGHT &amp; MEAT RAFFLE</b> 5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup> PM KM Girls Soccer</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p>KASSON AMERICAN LEGION EVENTS. For more details on events follow Kasson American Legion Post 333 on Facebook, call the legion at (507) 634-4353, or refer to the most recent newsletter.</p> 			<p>This month in military history — <b>OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM</b> began in 2001</p> 		

# Dad's Belgian Waffles



All You Can Eat  
\$7.00 pre-sale  
\$8.00 at the door  
**TO-GO AVAILABLE!**



Proceeds go to local  
projects of the Sons of  
the American Legion  
and Auxiliary.

**Sunday, October 3rd, 8 a.m.**

**Waseca American Legion**

**700 South State St ~ 507-833-9935**







# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Initial Last Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ID# former member \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender  Male  Female

### Please check war era and branch of service below:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada      | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam              | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea                | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts      |   |

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check [www.legion.org/join](http://www.legion.org/join) for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).**

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## DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Recruiter's name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's phone # \_\_\_\_\_



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Initial Last Initial Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State ZIP Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).**

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## DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (Required)  Birth - 17  18 and older

Have you been a member previously?  Yes  No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) Date

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member)  Living  Deceased

If Living: American Legion Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

**Veteran served: (check all that apply)**

WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

<input type="checkbox"/> Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	

**Applicant's relationship to the veteran:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Self
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter)		

### 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



## DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received from \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Recruiter's name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership pending approval of application.**