



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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On the first few pages of this newsletter is the District and Department events for the 2022—2023 year, CHECK IT OUT . Please look at the Pearl Harbor rally as it has moved from Royalton to Spicer American Legion

October 15, 2022 is the First District Fall Rally at LeRoy, MN in the community Center.

On page 5 is the registration form for Fall Conference witch is being held in the Kelly Inn at St Cloud on October 27, 28, & 29, 2022.

On Page 6 is the form to sign up and pay for breakfast on Friday and Saturday and also lunch on Friday. Check out the deadlines

### **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. 1

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**!!!!!!!!!!!!!! IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**AT THE FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION CHANGEOVER IN JUNE 2022 CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PRICES FOR REGISTRATION AND LUNCHES.**

**THESE CHANGES BELOW HAVE BEEN COPIED RIGHT OUT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT BY- LAWS REGULATION GUIDELINES FOR FIRST DISTRICT FUNCTIONS.**

**THESE CHANGES GO IN EFFECT STARTING WITH THE DISTRICT FALL RALLY.**

**FALL RALLY**

**Shall be at the home of the First District Commander. Noon luncheon price not to exceed \$10.00. Registration; Legion \$10.00, Auxiliary \$10.00, SAL \$10.00, ALR \$10.00.**

**MID-WINTER**

**Shall be at the home of the District President. Time and Place to be known at Fall Rally. Registration; Legion \$10.00, Auxiliary \$10.00, SAL \$10.00, ALR \$10.00. Noon luncheon price not to exceed \$10.00.**

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

**Registration of all, but no charge to Department Officers, National Officers or visiting District Officers. Distinguished Guest Chairman shall provide the registration table with an updated list. Registration shall be conducted at a convenient location and shall be fixed at \$15.00 for Legionnaires, \$15.00 for Auxiliary members, \$15.00 for SAL members and \$15.00 for ALR members. (Pre- registration is \$15.00, at the door registration is \$20.00.) This shall include Convention Badge, Booklet of full admission to all entertainments and a complete packet of information of convention activities. Only one (1) registration is required. (1)**

## MEMBERSHIP RALLIES AND EVENTS

2022-2023

**September 8-10, 2022, Patriots Day (Harvest Rally)**

Legionville – there will be a 9-11 ceremony on Saturday

**September 16-18, 2022, National Security Weekend**

Camp Ripley – District Commanders and District National Security Chairs

**September 22, 2022, First District Educational & Learning Rally – Preston American Post 166 (217 St Paul St, Preston, MN) 6:00 PM (Thursday night)**

**October 15, 2022, First District Fall Rally – LeRoy Community Center (204 West Main Street, LeRoy, MN).  
Exec Board 9:00 AM Session starts at 10:00AM**

**October 27-29, 2022, Fall Conference**

St Cloud Convention Center

**November 1-11, 2022, Sister District Revitalizations**

**November 11, 2022, Veterans Day Walk**

**November 19, 2022, First District Educational & Learning Rally -  
Location, updated date and time TBA.**

Pearl Harbor Rally

December 10, 2022

Spicer Post 545

155 Lake Ave N

Spicer, MN 56288

Meal cost \$15.00 (Deadline for Reservations November 23, 2022)

Membership Turn In/Social: 10:30 am

Meal Served: 11:30 am (Broasted Chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw and roll)

Program: 12:30 pm

**Point of Contact: Jody Hassing for reservations and payment**

**Note—The post is requesting we park in the beach parking lot across the street from the post**

**December 11, 2022, First District Christmas Party – location & time TBA**

**January 7, 2023, First District Mid – Winter – Owatonna Post 77 (137 Broadway St West, Owatonna, MN) Exec Boards 9:00 AM, sessions start at 10:00 AM**

**Sweetheart Rally**

Osseo American Legion Post 172

February 4 or 11, 2023

260 4<sup>th</sup> St SE

Osseo MN 55369

Meal cost \$15.00 (Deadline for Reservations January 27, 2023)

Membership Turn In/Social: 10:30 am

Meal Served: 11:30 am (Sloppy Joes, Coleslaw, Chips, and Dessert)

Program: 12:30 pm

**Point of Contact: Mary Kuperus - Cell – 320 -354 - 4741****February 18, 2023, First District Educational & Learning Rally -  
Location, updated date and time TBA****March 25, 2023 First District Educational & Learning Rally –  
Location, updated date and time TBA****Legion Family Appreciation Party**

New Prague American Legion Post

April 15, 2023,

300 Lexington Ave S

New Prague MN 56071

Meal cost \$15.00 (Deadline for Reservations April 7, 2023)

TAL DEC: 10:30 am

ALA DEC: 10:30 am

Membership Turn In/Social: 11:30 am

Meal Served: 12:30 pm (Hot Beef Sandwich, Beans, Coleslaw and Dessert)

Program: 1:30 pm

**Point of Contact: Linda Dvorak - 952 – 457 - 2129****May 13, 2023** Dept Comanders Testimonial  
Post 45, New Prague, MN  
Time, menu and program TBA**May 6, 2023 First District SAL Convention – Kasson American Legion  
Post 333 (312 West Main Street, Kasson , MN) time TBA****May 6, 2023 First District ALR Convention – Kasson American Legion  
Post 333 (312 West Main Street, Kasson, MN) time TBA****May 20, 2023 First District Legion & Aux Convention – Kasson American  
Post 333 (212 West Main Street, Kasson, MN). Time TBA****July 2023 Department Convention - TBA**

(Department events in red and District events in Black)



# AMERICAN LEGION

## 2022 Fall Conference Official Registration

**Mail to:**  
Al Davis  
PO Box 166  
Princeton, MN 55371

**Registration sliding fee:**  
Registration received by Oct. 14: \$15  
Registration received after Oct. 14: \$18  
Registration at the door: \$25

Only the pre-registered will receive a booklet.

Registration fees are for each person attending, except for Junior SAL and Junior Auxiliary members. Please copy and send a separate form for each person attending. Everyone must pay the registration fee.

Checks only; credit cards not accepted.  
Please indicate "Fall Conference" on the memo line.  
Please make checks payable to:  
**Minnesota American Legion Convention Corp.**

**Conference dates:**  
Oct. 27-29, 2022

**Contact the hotel directly for your reservations:**  
Headquarters hotel:  
Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, St. Cloud  
320-253-0606

Nearby hotel:  
Courtyard by Marriott, St. Cloud  
320-654-1661

\_\_\_\_\_  
**District      Post      Unit      Squadron**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Fall Conference Breakfast and Lunch Buffet**

Breakfast buffet will be available Friday morning and Saturday Morning.

Lunch Buffet will be available Friday.

**Location:** Pool area in the Kelly Inn.

**Time:** 0630 – 0800 for breakfast

1130 – 1330 for lunch

**Cost:** \$15.00 per-person

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast:   \_\_\_ Friday \$15.00   \_\_\_ Saturday \$15.00

Lunch:       \_\_\_ Friday \$15.00

Total number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepayment of meals is required by 14 October 2022. Your purchased meal tickets will be available at the registration desk in the Kelly Inn lobby.

There will be ***no additional*** tickets sold after the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 and the Kelly Inn will be provided the number of meals to prepare for.

**Mail this form with payment to:**

Al Davis  
PO Box 166  
Princeton, MN 55371

**Make out your check to: Minnesota American Legion Convention Corp.**



## **2022-2023 Department Membership Dates**

Harvest Rally (Legionville – Dinner Tickets \$15.00)	September 10, 2022
Early Bird/NEF Kickoff (National Target Date-50%)	September 14, 2022
2023 Renewal Cutoff	September 19, 2022
<b><u>Membership must be into Dept by Sept 13, MyLegion by Sept 9</u></b>	
Fall Meetings (National Target Date-55%)	October 13, 2022
2023 Renewal Cutoff	October 21, 2022
<b><u>Membership must be into Dept by Oct 18, MyLegion by Oct 11</u></b>	
Department Fall Conference (St Cloud Convention Center)	October 27-29, 2022
Veterans Day (National Target Date-65%)	November 9, 2022
Pearl Harbor Rally (Royalton Post 137 - see back)	December 3, 2022
Pearl Harbor Day (National Target Date-75%)	December 14, 2022
2023 Renewal Cutoff	December 16, 2022
<b><u>Membership must be into Dept by Dec 12, MyLegion by Dec 7</u></b>	
Mid-Winter (National Target Date-80%)	January 19, 2023
Sweetheart Rally (Osseo Post 172 – see the back)	February 4, 2023
Presidents Day (National Target Date-85%)	February 15, 2023
2023 Renewal Cutoff	February 17, 2023
<b><u>Membership must be into Dept by Feb 13, MyLegion by Feb 7</u></b>	
Legion Birthday (National Target Date-90%)	March 15, 2023
Appreciation Rally (New Prague Post 45 – see the back)	April 15, 2023
National Commanders Tour (Northern Tour)	April 16-21, 2023
2023 Renewal Cutoff	April 18, 2023
<b><u>Membership must be into Dept by Apr 10, MyLegion by Apr 8</u></b>	
Children & Youth (National Target Date-95%)	April 19, 2023
MN American Legion College (Camp Ripley)	April 20-23, 2023
Department Auxiliary Presidents Testimonial (Spicer Post 155)	April 22, 2023
Department Commanders Testimonial (New Prague Post 45)	May 13, 2023
Armed Forces Day (National Target-100%)	May 1

## FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S PEN



Greetings 1st District,

Hello Legion Family,

What does it take to get you involved? This is not a rhetorical question.

The district held a rally on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A big shout out to the Preston American Legion for hosting the event. To most people in the room we were preaching to the choir. A big thank you to the new attendees. We opened the platform for the Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and the Legion Riders to speak. This will be done at all rallies. If you have any suggestions on how to increase attendance, my contact information is on the front page of this newsletter. I would appreciate all feedback.

Did you know?

That you can attend all district rallies and Mid- Winter without your post's permission? You can also attend the district convention as a guest. They are open to everyone.

That you can attend the executive board meetings. You might not be able to speak, and you would not be able to vote. The meetings are open to all.

That you can attend all department get togethers. You may have to register by a deadline. Contact information is included in this newsletter.

The fall rally will be in LeRoy at the community center on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The executive board meets at 9:00 AM with the regular session starting at 10:00 AM.

I would encourage everyone to attend any or all of the above. The more you come the more you learn.

We would like to welcome Mike Parry in Area 2 and Nicholas Prestby in Area 3 as vice commanders to the team. If your post has not had a vice commander visit, they will be out very soon covering the district. Please welcome them to your posts.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me or anyone else on the team. We can work together for change.

Mary Hanson  
1<sup>st</sup> District Commander

### FROM AREA THREE

Hello fellow legion members,

My name is Nick Prestby, and I am the Commander of Canton Post 400 . I have volunteered to take over the position as Area Three Vice Commander due to the passing of Jim Westby . I have some big shoes to fill. Any questions you may have feel free to drop me a line . I will try to get in touch with each post in our area and get to know you all . thank you

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nickprestby@outlook.com

## **FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN**

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

This past week we said “Good-bye” to Jim Westby, 1<sup>st</sup> District Area 3 Vice Commander, who died September 11, 2022 at home. I had the opportunity to go to his visitation on Thursday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The people who waited in line to express condolences to the family was great in number. Jim was well respected in his community and the surrounding areas.

I am reminded of Matthew 25, verse 21 where it states “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.” In reading Jim’s obituary, I was amazed at all he had done with his life, and did them well. If you needed something done, and you asked Jim, it was done right away—no questions asked—whether it was for the American Legion, VFW, Lions Club, City of Mabel, Mabel Fire Department, or First Lutheran, his home church, and the list goes on and on. He had a heart for helping others.

Jim was proud of being a Marine and of the service to his country in Vietnam, where he was wounded, but never made mention of that fact. Those of us who knew him are better off because of it. Jim will be greatly missed not only by family members, friends, and community members, but also the American Legion Post 299 of Mabel and the 1<sup>st</sup> District. May God continue to bless the memory of James R. Westby.

### **SEMPER FI JIM**

As we mourn the loss of one of our own, let us remember those who are still with us. It is important to offer our help to veterans facing challenges from physical illness, PTSD, loneliness, or financial stress. It’s one of the small things that we as fellow Legionnaires have been tasked with.

As I close for this month, be careful out on the road, as the harvest will soon be in full swing and schools are back in session. Do a buddy check, help someone in need, stay healthy.

And remember God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!

Larry H. Otto, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chaplain

## **FROM AREA ONE**

Greetings members. It’s hard to believe that it is nearly fall already. I hope that your summer has been great. Mine seemed to slip by so quickly. I am looking forward to visiting the Posts in Area 1. As I start this journey, I view my job as learning about the different Post’s and providing any assistance possible. If I don’t know the answer, I will find it for you. We can all learn together to build and grow the Posts and Legion as an organization. We are currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for membership and we need to work hard to renew members and sign-up new ones. I hope that your leadership will consider attending the Fall Conference October 27-29, 2022, in St. Cloud.

Kindest regards  
Robert Schmidt  
Area 1 – Vice Commander  
Msgbob79@gmail.com

## **FROM AREA FOUR**

Fellow Area Four Legionnaires,

The holiday season is upon us, be sure to check on your fellow veterans as we know how lonely this time of year can be for some of them.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween.

Area Four Vice Commander  
Cole Wilcox

## ***First District American Legion Family,***

Another year is upon us with new leadership throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> District. I write this short note to let you know that if you at your post has items of interest that you'd like on the 1<sup>st</sup> District Facebook page or the 1<sup>st</sup> District website please forward that information to me. I will make sure it is place in the appropriate location for all to view. As a member of the Department's Media and Communications team, it is our hope to be able to help all Districts develop a social media presence. I will do what I can to help the 1<sup>st</sup> District do just that. Events, pictures and information you can send to [mparry57@gmail.com](mailto:mparry57@gmail.com) anytime.

I want also to let you know that the MN American Legion Patriots Podcast will begin broadcasting the first Thursday in September and then every Thursday thereafter at 2pm. You'll find that the podcast will be both video and audio and will be 25 minutes or less covering issues affected Veterans. Watch your e-mail and newsletter for where you'll be able to click and watch. God Bless America, the Legion Family and all our Veterans.

Mike Parry, Member  
Media & Communications  
Dept of Minnesota  
American Legion

## ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

I am on the global war on terrorism design committee in Rochester, MN. We are asking for anyone in a 75 mile radius of Rochester to write us about any stories and or remembrance you have had. If you were one of the ones who were activated or were a fire man, policeman or first responder even if we're one of many dog handlers. What we thinking for a design is a time line even type of theme this will be an extension to the war memorial at Solders Field, so if you have any memories of that send them to [markmaloney1962@gmail.com](mailto:markmaloney1962@gmail.com).

Thanks The Olmsted Committee  
Commander  
Mark A Maloney III



## ***FROM AREA TWO***

**Greetings,**

**How time has flown by. It seems like just yesterday that we held our District Convention. As always, we need to continue to look right and left as we travel for new Legion members. WE all know that. But I want to shout out to all our current members and say THANK YOU! Thank you for your continued support with your membership and volunteering. Without you, we would be a sinking ship.**

**On a different note. As a member of the Department of Mn American Legion Media & Communications Team I'm asking for your support. It's so easy and will help promote your Post. We're going to take it one step at a time. I'm asking that you send me any event that you have going on at your Post. Fundraisers. Community Service projects and the like. Send flyers. Take pictures. Send them to [mparry57@gmail.com](mailto:mparry57@gmail.com) with names for the pictures etc. You might ask why? Simple. We have a Facebook page that gets viewed my many Veterans and non-Veterans. We want to inform all viewers just what's going on around the 1<sup>st</sup> District. It will build interest and who knows, we might even land a few new members. Maybe for all the American Legion Family. Just find the following Facebook address for the First District.**

**<https://www.facebook.com/MNFirstDistrict/>**

**If you have any questions about how you can promote your post and events, just e-mail or call me.**

**Until next month, "Be the One".**

**Mike Parry, Area Two**

**Vice Commander**

# The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2023 Membership Report for September 28, 2022

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	7	35	0	299	341	0	341	477	71.49%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	0	10	0	38	48	0	48	80	60.00%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	0	16	0	64	80	0	80	140	57.14%	0	0
1		<b>Winona County</b>	7	61	0	401	469	0	469	697	67.29%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	1	46	0	90	137	0	137	207	66.18%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	10	16	0	79	105	0	105	201	52.24%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	0	26	0	78	104	0	104	147	70.75%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	8	0	31	39	0	39	60	65.00%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	3	0	17	20	0	20	27	74.07%	0	0
1	579	Millville	0	20	0	66	86	0	86	109	78.90%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	3	8	0	35	46	0	46	64	71.88%	0	0
1		<b>Wabsha County</b>	14	127	0	396	537	0	537	815	65.89%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	5	92	0	395	492	1	493	784	62.88%	0	0
1	119	Byron	0	18	0	41	59	0	59	127	46.46%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	10	25	0	178	213	0	213	285	74.74%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	2	0	8	10	0	10	12	83.33%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	4	22	0	81	107	0	107	185	57.84%	0	0
1		<b>Olmsted County</b>	19	159	0	703	881	1	882	1393	63.32%	0	0
1		<b>Area One</b>	40	347	0	1500	1887	1	1888	2905	64.99%	0	0
1	295	West Concord	0	7	0	25	32	0	32	43	74.42%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	0	18	0	108	126	0	126	162	77.78%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	5	31	0	137	173	1	174	242	71.90%	0	0
1	384	Dodge Center	0	9	0	31	40	0	40	76	52.63%	0	0
1	422	Claremont	1	3	0	18	22	0	22	30	73.33%	0	0
1		<b>Dodge County</b>	6	68	0	319	393	1	394	553	71.25%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	0	17	0	43	60	0	60	85	70.59%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	0	57	0	172	229	0	229	407	56.27%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	3	0	4	7	0	7	34	20.59%	0	0
1		<b>Steel County</b>	0	77	0	219	296	0	296	526	56.27%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	0	8	0	21	29	0	29	44	65.91%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	2	23	0	175	200	0	200	275	72.73%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	3	5	0	62	70	0	70	86	81.40%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	0	0	0	9	9	0	9	22	40.91%	0	0
1		<b>Waseca County</b>	5	36	0	267	308	0	308	427	72.13%	0	0
		<b>Area Two</b>	11	181	0	805	997	1	998	1506	66.27%	0	0

1	40	Lanesboro	4	14	0	69	87	0	87	107	81.31%	0	0
1	68	Spring Valley	0	8	0	39	47	0	47	67	70.15%	0	0
1	81	Harmony	0	1	0	9	10	0	10	27	37.04%	0	0
1	94	Rushford	1	9	0	39	49		49	94	52.13%	0	0
1	166	Preston	1	15	0	22	38	0	38	51	74.51%	0	0
1	197	Chatfield	0	1	0	31	32	0	32	38	84.21%	0	0
1	299	Mabel	1	30	0	69	100	0	100	147	68.03%	0	0
1	369	Wykoff	0	0	0	13	13	0	13	17	76.47%	0	0
1	400	Canton	0	0	0	8	8	0	8	22	36.36%	0	0
1	492	Fountain	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	12	8.33%	0	0
1	526	Peterson	0	4	0	17	21	0	21	39	53.85%	0	0
1	544	Ostrander	0	2	0	8	10	0	10	22	45.45%	0	0
1	637	Whalan	0	0	0	9	9	0	9	8	112.50%	0	0
1		<b>Fillmore County</b>	7	84	0	334	425	0	425	651	65.28%	0	0
1	191	Caledonia	0	15	0	5	20	0	20	132	15.15%	0	0
1	249	Spring Grove	0	12	0	64	76	0	76	138	55.07%	0	0
1	423	Houston	0	7	0	67	74	0	74	100	74.00%	0	0
1	498	Hokah	0	1	0	2	3	0	3	22	13.64%	0	0
1	595	LaCrescent	0	45	0	124	169	0	169	247	68.42%	0	0
1		<b>Houston County</b>	0	80	0	262	342	0	342	639	53.52%	0	0
1		<b>Area Three</b>	7	164	0	596	767	0	767	1290	59.46%	0	0
1	56	Albert Lea	0	37	0	286	323	0	323	487	66.32%	0	0
1	264	Glenville	0	8	0	27	35	0	35	67	52.24%	0	0
1	266	Hartland	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	14	7.14%	0	0
1	317	Emmons	1	3	0	35	39	0	39	52	75.00%	0	0
1	404	Alden	0	4	0	29	33	0	33	77	42.86%	0	0
1	552	Freeborn	0	5	0	18	23	0	23	31	74.19%	0	0
1		<b>Freeborn County</b>	1	58	0	395	454	0	454	728	62.36%	0	0
1	91	Austin	2	49	0	202	253	0	253	456	55.48%	0	0
1	105	Lyle	1	8	0	32	41	0	41	85	48.24%	0	0
1	140	Grand Meadow	2	3	0	19	24	0	24	37	64.86%	0	0
1	146	Adams	2	20	0	63	85	0	85	175	48.57%	0	0
1	161	LeRoy	1	4	0	28	33	0	33	47	70.21%	0	0
1	570	Austin Spam	1	0	0	6	7	0	7	12	58.33%	0	0
1		<b>Mower County</b>	9	84	0	350	443	0	443	812	54.56%	0	0
1		<b>Area Four</b>	10	142	0	745	897	0	897	1540	58.25%	0	0
1	1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1		<b>District Totals</b>	68	834	0	3646	4548	2	4550	7241	62.84%	0	0

## DISTRICT VICE COMMANDER STANDINGS

Vice Commanders												
	<b>Area One</b>	40	347	0	1500	1887	1	1888	2905	64.99%	0	0
	<b>Area Two</b>	11	181	0	805	997	1	998	1506	66.27%	0	0
	<b>Area Three</b>	7	164	0	596	767	0	767	1290	59.46%	0	0
	<b>Area Four</b>	10	142	0	745	897	0	897	1540	59.46%	0	0

## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA 2021 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 12/16/21

Dist	Rank											
1	3rd	Mary Hanson	68	834	0	3646	4548	2	4550	7241	62.84%	
2	5th	Pam Krill	37	606	0	2877	3520	3	3523	5651	62.34%	
3	2nd	Gary Richardson	100	1568	0	4744	6,412	3	6,415	10,185	62.98%	
4	8th	Dave Dahl	17	274	0	814	1105	1	1106	1,840	60.11%	
5	10th	Lynne Nottage	3	299	0	414	716	0	716	1704	42.02%	
6	1st	Karen O'Bar	96	1094	0	5030	6220	0	6,220	9,870	63.02%	
7	4th	Karen Welander	34	670	0	2656	3360	1	3361	5,376	62.52%	
8	6th	Larry Pocrnich	34	319	0	1645	1998	3	2001	3285	60.91%	
9	7th	Terry Buaas	33	535	0	2779	3347	19	3366	5534	60.82%	
10	9th	William Gordon	77	949	0	3645	4671	2	4673	8024	58.24%	
99			7	215	0	997	1219	0	1219	3121	39.06%	
<b>To-</b>	<b>tals</b>		<b>506</b>	<b>7363</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,247</b>	<b>37,116</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37,150</b>	<b>61,831</b>	<b>60.08%</b>	

## FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Thank you for your service to our country and all to the American Legion and to our Veterans.

We, the 1st District, were in 1st place statewide until this week, we slipped to 3rd place.

Keep the renewals and new members coming in.

This next month there will be a lot of membership dinners at which time is a good time to get your dues paid. They have time to still clear the National system before your membership expires. Yes, it still takes time.

Continue with the Buddy checks, it's a good reminder to pay your dues.

Keep up the good work. Thank you!

We have many Veterans in our area that are not members.

Veteran count by county.

Dodge.	1,142	Fillmore.	1,306
Freeborn.	2,046	Houston.	1,273
Mower.	2,398	Olmsted.	8,570
Steele.	2,145	Wabasha.	1,573
Waseca.	1,082	Winona.	2,702

We have less than 1/3 of these as members.

Pray for our deployed and their families.

Pray for world peace.

Membership Chairman

Dale Wellik



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

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### *From the President's Desk*

Greetings,

I am honored to serve the 1<sup>st</sup> District American Legion Auxiliary as your 2022-2023 President. I am eligible through my grandfather Elwyn Sperl who served in the US Army. I am a 7-year member of the Owatonna Unit #77. We need to work together to serve our veterans, active-duty military, their families and communities.

I went to the National Convention and had a great time meeting new people. I learned a few new things about the organization. In 2024 there will be dues increase from \$12 to \$18 and this was passed during the Convention. In 2024 National dues will be \$18 yearly per member, Department dues will continue to be \$12 yearly per member and District will continue to be \$2 yearly per member. This will equal \$32 yearly per senior member in 2024. Each unit will need to review what your yearly dues are for members taking into account the National dues increase. The Department will need to know what your 2024-unit dues are by March 2023. This increase does not include Junior members in your unit and they stay the same.

The 1<sup>st</sup> District Fall Rally will be in LeRoy Community Center in LeRoy on October 15, 2022. The executive board meetings will start at 9 am and the Fall Rally starts at 10 am. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Department Fall Conference is October 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. It would be great to see members attend this within the 1<sup>st</sup> District. There will be a department educational session on a variety of subjects including ALAMIS and Unit Annual Reports.

I would be honored to be invited to visit your unit meetings. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions, questions, ideas and problems. We are blessed in the 1<sup>st</sup> District to have so many mentors. We just need to understand how to connect with these people if help is needed. Please use these resources and ask how to connect with these people if needed.

Thank you,

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

## **FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

Hopefully you have received your mailing to renew your membership, they were late in sending out from national. I encourage everyone to get their renewals in early to your membership chair!

Your membership is very important to our organization, as a member of the American Legion Family, we must ask ourselves, what if one day there is no one, to place flags on a soldier's grave, no one cared or knew how important it was that we never forget their sacrifices, no one played taps and gave honor at a veteran's funeral. No one to teach our children about our flag and its history. **ALL** of us have a responsibility to make sure this never happens.

With your continued support in renewing your dues and getting new members, we can continue to help our veterans, our community, and our youth.

I want to thank our Rushford Unit 94 for inviting me to their Membership renewal meeting! What a nice turnout they had! I want to thank our Waseca Unit 228 and Rochester Unit 92 for invites to their Membership Dinners coming up, I look forward to attending!

I am available to help however I can with your membership or Unit.

I encourage that we continue to work with our Legionnaires on getting their wives to become members, every Unit and District has this issue.....just keep at it, eventually we may get a few!

Let us all work on becoming an American Legion Family District! The Mighty 1<sup>st</sup>!

September 10' 2022 - Departments goal of 40% was achieved by Freeborn Unit 551 with 81.03%, Whalen Unit 637 with 77.78% and Caledonia Unit 191 at 57.75%. our contest was for a unit to achieve goal, and a winner was selected in the in lottery drawing for a \$25 check to their Unit.

Congratulations to Freeborn Members!

Department Goal is 75% by December 3, 2022 – Harvest Rally. We will continue with our lottery drawing of \$25 for those that achieve this 75% Goal!

As of 9/27 we stand in 6<sup>th</sup> Place at 13.86% in department.

Gain of 144 members since 9/12

LY 523 members to TY 528 members to date.... Down 5 members....

Thank you to everyone who is working our membership, just keep turning in!!!

Wanda Prescher-Membership Chair

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Bulletin #2

9/27/2022

2023 Membership

## Mighty Minnesota Membership

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year	Difference from Last Year
One	48	3,810	144	528	13.86%	523	-5
Two	72	3,819	75	495	12.96%	593	98
Three	46	3,800	166	545	14.34%	534	-11
Four	7	572	24	104	18.18%	123	19
Five	7	518	13	77	14.86%	50	-27
Six	62	4,991	156	838	16.79%	933	95
Seven	57	2,938	57	285	9.70%	357	72
Eight	23	1,237	13	165	13.34%	198	33
Nine	47	3,305	165	516	15.61%	845	329
Ten	43	3,764	130	513	13.63%	630	117
1982 Dept	1	203	3	59	29.06%	102	43
<b>District Totals:</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>28,957</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>14.25%</b>	<b>4888</b>	<b>763</b>



Group 1 (Even)	207	14,383	398	2,115	14.70%	2,477	362
Judy Ackerman							
Group 2 (Odd)	205	14,371	545	1,951	13.58%	2,309	358

Sharon Thiemecke

### RANKINGS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
18.18%	16.79%	15.61%	14.86%	14.34%	13.86%	13.63%	13.34%	12.96%	9.70%
District #4	District #6	District #9	District #5	District #3	District #1	District #10	District #8	District #2	District #7



	#	Unit Name	2022 Final Count	2023 DNO	2022 Period Gain Juniors	2022 Period Gain Seniors	2023 Period Gain Juniors	2023 Period Gain Seniors	2023 PUFL Members	2022 Paid Online Juniors	2022 Paid Online Seniors	Period Gain Totals	Juniors To Date	Seniors To Date	To Date Totals	Percent	DNO/Date
1	9	Winona	121	124							0		5	5	4.03%		
1	40	Lanesboro	90	92		4				5	5		10	10	10.67%		
1	50	Wabasha	98	103			6				6		15	15	14.56%		
1	52	Blooming Prairie	89	92							0		8	8	8.70%		
1	56	Albert Lea	233	265							0		14	14	5.28%		
1	68	Spring Valley	43	46							0		4	4	8.70%		
1	75	New Richland	38	41							0		2	2	4.88%		
1	77	Owatonna	95	103		1	7				7		18	18	17.48%		
1	81	Harmony	47	53							0		1	1	1.89%		
1	90	Lewiston	32	35							0			0	0.00%		
1	91	Austin	106	122							0		1	1	0.82%		
1	92	Rochester	113	130			4			1	5	1	34	35	26.92%		
1	94	Rushford	41	44		1				1	1		7	7	15.91%		
1	105	Lyle	48	52							0			0	0.00%		
1	110	Lake City	52	70							0		1	1	1.43%		
1	119	Byron	17	22							0		6	6	27.27%		
1	140	Grand Meadow	63	66			4	30			34	4	30	34	51.52%		
1	146	Adams	120	130	1	3	6	12			18	7	37	44	33.85%		
1	161	LeRoy	44	49							0			0	0.00%		
1	164	Stewartville	160	164			1	7			8	1	32	33	20.12%		
1	179	Plainview	117	127		2					0		5	5	3.94%		
1	190	St Charles	3	10							0			0	0.00%		
1	191	Caledonia	63	71							0	1	40	41	57.75%		
1	197	Chatfield	21	26							0		1	1	3.85%		
1	228	Waseca	211	225	1		2	13			15	8	35	43	19.11%		
1	249	Spring Grove	84	94							0		1	1	1.06%		
1	264	Glenville	92	96				12			12		15	15	15.63%		
1	295	West Concord	32	34							0		1	1	2.94%		
1	299	Mabel	110	120		1					0	3	23	26	21.67%		
1	330	Hayfield	172	175							0	2	7	9	5.14%		
1	333	Kasson	135	142						1	1	1	17	18	12.68%		
1	369	Wykoff	17	19							0		1	1	5.26%		
1	384	Dodge Center	55	57							0		3	3	5.26%		
1	404	Alden	38	42							0			0	0.00%		
1	422	Claremont	19	21							0		2	2	9.52%		
1	423	Houston	112	116							0		2	2	1.72%		
1	498	Hokah	15	17							0		2	2	11.76%		
1	526	Peterson	47	49						1	1		1	1	2.04%		

1	544	Ostrander	10	12							0			0	0.00%	
1	546	Kellogg	99	101							0		4	4	3.96%	
1	551	Eyota	100	102							0		3	3	2.94%	
1	552	Freeborn	55	58			1	6			7	7	47	54	93.10%	
1	573	Elgin	7	14							0		1	1	7.14%	
1	587	Waldorf	14	19							0			0	0.00%	
1	588	Mazzeppa	33	37				4			4		7	7	18.92%	
1	579	Milville	42	45		1					0		2	2	4.44%	
1	595	La Crescent	156	160			1	19			20	1	33	34	21.25%	
1	637	Whalan	16	18							0		14	14	77.78%	
48		1st District Totals	3,525	3,810	2	13	15	120	0	0	9	144	36	492	528	13.86%

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## **Parliamentarian**

2022-2023

Why do we use Parliamentary procedure during our meetings?

There are three basic guiding principles in parliamentary procedure

Justice and courtesy for all

The right of the majority to rule

The right of the minority to be heard

What does that mean?

During discussion at the meeting, members must take turns speaking and only speak to the president or chairman. It is not proper to have a discussion between members at a meeting.

The resolution of a motion is that majority vote is what will be the rule. All members have a voice and can share their opinion on the subject, but in the end, it is the majority that will prevail.

The parliamentarian is an appointed position in the unit, district, and the department. This member should be versed in Robert's Rules of Order and especially in our governing documents from the unit to the national organization.

A good parliamentarian is – impartial – knows the rules – helps members learn the rules – and continues to develop her/his own knowledge.

The member parliamentarian has a big decision to make when accepting an appointment to the position. Because of the complete impartiality required, she/he is duty-bound to forego completely her/his right to vote on any question at any time, unless the vote is by ballot.

Much of the work of the parliamentarian involves assisting in the planning and preparation of the meeting. Checking the agenda and script to ensure correct procedures is an important part of this position. In general, the parliamentarian's role is purely advisory.

A parliamentarian is available to give information to the president when guidance is requested. It is the president that makes the ruling based on the information available.

All members should be well versed in the governing documents of our organization as it is difficult to play the game successful if you do not understand the rules. Your meetings will become more congenial when all members understand and practice parliamentary procedure.

### **References Available:**

Parliamentary Authority – Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised – 12<sup>th</sup> Edition – shall govern this organization in all cases that are not in conflict with state stature, the constitution, the bylaws or any special rules of order adopted by the organization.

## October is Education Month

The 2022-2023 school year has begun and things seem to be better than the last few years. The school education is in a more normal format now. It has been a hard couple years but the CDC has changed some regulations which make it better to move forward.

Now is the time to try and help out the schools as much as possible. This would be a good time to put the Education program into effect, because so many teachers have to spend money out of their own pockets to provide the students with school supplies.

Be ready to take the American Legion Auxiliary forms to school to apply for scholarships. Try to remember that any scholarship available is important, because the cost of Education just seems to increase every year.

Remember that American Education week is November 14th-18th, and begin making your plans to highlight that week.

### FROM YOUR HONORARY AUXILIARY JR PRESIDENT

My name is Bailey Anderson. I am the 1<sup>st</sup> District Junior Auxiliary president. I wanted to introduce myself and tell you a little about my project. I am 14 years old, and I am a freshman at Lourdes High School in Rochester, MN. I enjoy spending time with my friends, dance, and softball. I have been an active member of the Stewartville American Legion for 11 years. My favorite thing that we do in the junior auxiliary group is when we go to the nursing home and visit the veterans there. I also enjoy being a role model and mentor to the younger kids that are in juniors. For my project, I plan to raise money and support the organization called "Believet". "Believet" is a non-profit program that's goal is to provide disabled veterans with fully trained service dogs, free of charge. If you would like to learn more about this program, please visit [believet.org](http://believet.org). If you are interested in donating, please feel free to email me at [bailey.anderson@rcsedu.org](mailto:bailey.anderson@rcsedu.org)



# FALL CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION

OCTOBER 27<sup>nd</sup>— 28<sup>th</sup>

## ATTENTION: Minnesota Auxiliary Members! !

Units and Districts are encouraged to bring an item(s) to donate to the Silent Auction. Bring your donations- New or Please, like new items to the hallways near the Conference rooms between the hours of 4-9 pm. Thursday, October 27 or early Friday, October 28. The Auction starts at 9 am Friday til 5 pm.

Theme baskets, homemade items such as dishcloths, dish towels, quilts, pillowcases, jam, jelly and preserves are always great items. Jewelry, purses, patriotic anything are a few more suggestions. Please bring items most people would want or need.

Units can bring grab bag items to be purchased for \$ 2. and need to fit in a paper lunch bag size bag.

There will be a Bake Sale also. Lots of wonderful bakers in our department!!!

Please assist your junior members to make all-occasion greeting cards to donate to the Silent Auction. The cards can be placed in baggies. The Juniors do wonderful work!

The Silent Auction is a fun way to raise funds for our members in need. Please spread the word to your whole American Legion Family. The treasures await us!!!

## **LEADERSHIP BASICS**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY---**

**BACK TO THE BASICS**

**THIS IS NOT JUST FOR OFFICERS---IT IS FOR EVERY MEMBER TO BE A PART OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!!**

**IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE AND GET INVOLVED AND BE SUCCESSFUL, WE HAVE A MISCONCEPTION OF OUR ORGANIZATION.**

**EACH OF YOU ARE VALUABLE, EACH OF YOU HAVE A SAY---make your membership count!!**

Some basic information:

Our ALA mission:

In the spirit of Service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

If we believe in this statement and work for the good of the organization we can accomplish anything we set out to do!

How many units have the Department Unit Guide? How many units have read and follow the protocol set before us by the National and Department guidelines? How many units have standing rules (the specifics to your unit)? How many units actually run their meetings by these guidelines (oh you may be relaxed abit)?

Plain and simple---If you don't follow what has been set forth by the American Legion Auxiliary your unit is not operating by the IRS rules and regulations for nonprofit organizations!!

Are you nonprofit? Are you current in filing the 990 status for your unit? If not, you legally cannot operate as a nonprofit UNIT!

Did you know?---Membership---are you following the guidelines of the changes done a year ago (set by the IRS standards)? Anyone that has previously been a member as a great granddaughter is grandfathered in, but---we can no longer sign up great granddaughters!

Did you know September is Junior Activities Month? Are you doing anything special to sign up junior members or involving the community to make people aware we have a Junior program?

October is Education and Constitution and Bylaws. Does your unit get involved with your American Legion for National Education Week in November? Do you do anything special to recognize educators---not just your schools but even your spiritual educators (Sunday School teachers/partner up)! Do you review your unit constitution (which is in the Department Unit guide) and your standing rules? These should be reviewed annually.

These are just a few items for this month. I don't want you to go on overload (mentally). You all have a say in your UNIT! You all are vitally important to the success of your UNIT! Your unit is only as good as those whom want to get involved/participate in what happens within your UNIT! **Again, the ALA is all of you---not just the officers!!**

Many of you do not attend Department Fall Conference. I ask why?? as this is the time for learning what our programs are all about!! Even if it is to enhance one or two programs you do well with.

Look for upcoming details for our annual District Fall Rally in October (see the calendar). For those of you whom have questions on any of our programs---please come. Come see what prize you could actually win for either you or your unit!!! If we don't know the answers---we will get the answer from someone who knows!

District Leadership Chairman,

Sandy Fredrickson

## 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](http://believet.org)



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### FROM YOUR COMMANDERS DESK

Hello from the 1st District Sal Commander.  
This is Roe Naylor from Austin. You might know me from the American Legion Riders. Please be patient with me as every day i learn more about my duties.

The membership packets should be delivered soon. Brian emailed me and told me he has about half of them out.

I would like to thank everyone for all the help and advice I've been receiving. If anyone has advice or ideas, please call or txt me @5074385804.

We all do our best and that's all we can ask of each other. Be kind to all, and remember, we are the Legion family. Together we can make a difference. God bless all of you and keep our present and past veterans in your prayers.

Thank you kindly  
Roe

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It's a new record, folks!

The #LegacyRun2022 donation total was announced in Milwaukee as \$1.32 million. Top donations coming in today were from the [American Legion Department of Minnesota](#) (\$155,000), The American Legion Department of South Carolina (\$97,549), [The American Legion Department of Missouri](#) (\$94,514), The American Legion - Department of Ohio (\$84,855) and @[The American Legion Department of Virginia](#) (\$83,000)

# PACT Act Signed

BY [MIKE MAXA](#) [AUGUST 10, 2022](#) [ADJUTANT'S CORNER](#)

## **President Signs Honoring Our PACT Act, American Legion Commander Praises 'Patriotic Advocates'**

WASHINGTON (August 10, 2022) – The American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard praised President Biden and the bipartisan majority of congressional members who supported the most comprehensive veterans' health-care legislation in decades.

Dillard, who attended the bill-signing ceremony at the White House this morning, pointed to the law's overwhelming support. "The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act is now the Honoring Our PACT *law*," Dillard said. "We thank President Biden for signing this legislation. Millions of veterans and their families can take comfort in knowing that their government truly appreciates their service and sacrifice. This comprehensive health care law is the result of hard work and bipartisanship by patriotic advocates, members of Congress and American Legion Family members worldwide. It was a privilege to represent all of our allies at the White House today. I encourage all veterans who have been exposed to toxic substances while serving in the military to contact their American Legion service officers for free assistance in accessing the benefits that they have earned. The claims process can be complicated, and American Legion service officers are happy to help."

The PACT Act will provide health care for millions of post-9/11 veterans who were exposed to contaminants emanating from open-air burn pits. It establishes presumptions of service connection for 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers linked to burn pits and other hazards, including Agent Orange and atomic radiation for veterans whose exposure was previously unrecognized for VA health-care services and disability benefits. It will also provide additional resources and staff to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Enactment of the PACT Act was a major legislative priority for The American Legion in this session of Congress.

**DON'T YOU DARE GIVE UP  
ON THIS LIFE. NOT TONIGHT.  
NOT TOMORROW. NOT EVER**



**POST**

**NOT ALL WOUNDS ARE VISIBLE**

*If you served our Nation.*

*Come find out about some of the resources available to you!!!!*

**VETERANS  
RESOURCE  
FAIR**

Brought to you by

**Dodge Center**

**American Legion**



When:

Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>

2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where:

Dodge Center American  
Legion

Post 384 Wells-Peterson

401 Hwy St W Dodge Center,

MN 55927

507-633-6420

DCAL.Post384@gmail.com

Organizations Attending

- American Legion
- Veteran Service Officer
- MACV
- MN Department of Veterans Affairs – Higher Education
- Disabled American Veterans
- Veterans Court
- Minnesota State Parks
- Plus More!!!!

# Veteran's Coffee Talk

Do you need someone who will listen?

## BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING. **Veteran to Veteran!**

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.



**Connect!**

**Free!**

**We Listen!**

**We are here to support  
veterans and their families!**

**Engage!**

We meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am  
Veteran's Resource and Empowerment Center (aka ETS)  
5402 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417

**Do you need to talk now? Dial 988 – Press 1 for the Veteran's Crisis Line**

# Post-9/11 Veteran Service Bonus Now Available

The 2022 Legislature passed and Governor Walz signed the first-ever Veterans Omnibus Bill that included funding for a service bonus payable to eligible Veterans who served from 9/11/01 to 8/30/21. The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) is honored to facilitate this program for eligible Veterans, currently serving service members or Veterans' beneficiaries.

**WHEN:** The application period began on July 7, 2022. The last day to apply is June 30, 2024, unless the funds have been exhausted before then.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** Veterans, currently serving service members, Veterans' beneficiaries, or Veterans' guardians, conservators or legally appointed personal representatives. Veterans in Minnesota are defined under Minnesota statute 197.447. Visit the website for more details.

**AMOUNT:** There are three tiers of the Post-9/11 Veteran Service Bonus: \$600, \$1,200 and \$2,000. Visit the website for more details.

**HOW TO APPLY:** The online application is located at [VetServiceBonus.mdva.mn.gov](http://VetServiceBonus.mdva.mn.gov).

For more information or to apply, visit:  
**[MinnesotaVeteran.org/ServiceBonus](http://MinnesotaVeteran.org/ServiceBonus)**

For additional questions contact your local County Veterans Service Officer at **[MACVSO.org](http://MACVSO.org)** or call LinkVet at **1-888-LinkVet**.



# **FREE VETERANS APPRECIATION EVENT**

**Sponsored by the DAV Auxiliary Mayo SE Unit 28**

## **WHEN**

**Sunday October 9, 2022**

**12pm– 3pm**

## **WHERE**

**Dodge County Fairground**

**62922 State Hwy 57, Kasson, MN 55944**

## **WHAT**

**Enjoy a free BBQ lunch with all the sides!**

**Informational vendors and booths**

**Free activities for children**

**Help make Veterans Day and Christmas cards for Veterans in the local nursing homes and Veterans Homes**

**REGISTRATION**

**<http://evite.me/3vECcsyu6c> or call 507-993-6757**

**Please preregister prior to Friday October 7, 2022.**

**If you are interested in having a booth please contact us at 507-993-6757.**

# Kasson Post 333 flyer for October

# OCT 2022

**KASSON AMERICAN LEGION**  
212 W. MAIN ST. 507-634-4353

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<p><b>HAPPY HOUR</b> 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)</p> <p><b>DRINK SPECIAL</b> SATURDAY &amp; SUNDAY <b>POST 333 BLOODY MARY</b></p>						<p><b>SEP 30</b></p>  <p><b>BURGER NIGHT &amp; MEAT RAFFLE</b> 5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup> PM KM Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>OCT 1</b></p>  <p><b>STEAK FRY</b> 5-7 PM Music by <b>Jeff Reinartz</b> 7-10 PM</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>OPEN</b> 11 AM-5 PM</p>  <p><b>LEGION LOOT</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>  <p><b>MASON MONDAY MEAL</b> 6 PM</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p><b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5-7 PM</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>  <p><b>BINGO</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>  <p><b>BURGER NIGHT &amp; MEAT RAFFLE</b> 5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup> PM Dodge County Girls Hockey</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>KASSON FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER</b> 11 AM</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>VIKINGS vs. BEARS</b> 12 PM</p>  <p><b>LEGION LOOT</b> <b>CELEBRITY BARTENDING</b> 1-4 PM</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>  <p><b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5-7 PM</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>  <p><b>BINGO</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>JEFF EISTERHOLD BENEFIT</b> 10 AM Music by <b>The Shenanigans</b> 7-10 PM</p>	
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>VIKINGS vs. DOLPHINS</b> 12 PM</p>  <p><b>LEGION LOOT</b> <b>CELEBRITY BARTENDING</b> 1-4 PM</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>  <p><b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5-7 PM</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>  <p><b>BINGO</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>POST 333 BOARD MEETING</b> 6 PM <b>SAL MEETING</b> 6 PM <b>AUXILIARY MEETING</b> 6 PM <b>OPEN MEETING</b> 7 PM</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>  <p><b>PUZZLE PARTY</b> 2 PM</p>	
<p><b>23</b></p>  <p><b>LEGION LOOT</b> <b>CELEBRITY BARTENDING</b> 1-4 PM</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>  <p><b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5-7 PM</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>  <p><b>BINGO</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>  <p><b>BURGER NIGHT &amp; MEAT RAFFLE</b> 5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup> PM KM Girls Softball</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>HALLOWEEN PARTY</b> Music by <b>Hair of the Dog</b> 7-10 PM</p>	
<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>VIKINGS vs. CARDINALS</b> 12 PM</p>  <p><b>LEGION LOOT</b> <b>CELEBRITY BARTENDING</b> 1-4 PM</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>This month in military history — The United States Navy (USN) is the maritime service branch of the United States Armed Forces. It traces its origins to the Continental Navy, established October 13, 1775. It was disbanded and re-founded when the United States Congress passed the Naval Act of 1794.</p>  						

# October 2022



Legion 92 Club Hours: Mon - Thu: 11AM - 11PM / Fri & Sat: 11AM - 12AM / Sun: 11AM - 8PM  
 JAC's at The Legion 92 Hours: Mon - Sat: 11AM - 9PM / Sun: 11AM - 7PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 	EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 	EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 	EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 	EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 	EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 
2 CLUB HOURS 8 AM - 8 PM  Bloody Mary Bar 8 AM - 12 PM <b>SKOL NATION</b> 	3 Buck Off Monday \$1 off all beer \$1 off all burgers  Rams at 49ers 7:15 PM	4 <b>NATIONAL VODKA DAY</b>	5 National Do Something Nice Day!	6	7  Music @ 7 PM Kid Dakota	8 <b>NATIONAL HEROES DAY</b> 1:00 PM <b>BINGO</b>
9 Bloody Mary Bar 11 AM - 3 PM <b>SKOL NATION</b> 	10 Buck Off Monday  Raiders at Chiefs 7:15 PM	11 <b>NATIONAL SAUSAGE PIZZA DAY</b> SAL Squadron 92 Meeting 6 PM	12 <b>NATIONAL TAKE YOUR PARENTS TO LUNCH DAY</b>	13 <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY</b> October 13	14  Music @ 7 PM DJ Biggie Ben	15 <b>NATIONAL CHEESE CURD DAY</b> Gophers at Illinois 11:00 AM
16 Bloody Mary Bar 11 AM - 3 PM <b>SKOL NATION</b> 	17 Buck Off Monday  Broncos at Chargers 7:15 PM	18 Post 92 Membership Meeting 6 PM	19 Korean War Veterans Club Luncheon 11:30 AM	20	21  Music @ 7 PM Rockin' Hep Cats	22 <b>BINGO</b> Gophers at Penn State 6:30 PM
23	24 Buck Off Monday \$1 off all beer \$1 off all burgers  Bears at Patriots 7:15 PM	25 	26 To all those that serve Thank you for walking the walk. 	27 <b>NAVY DAY</b>  <b>NATIONAL AMERICAN BEER DAY</b>	28 <b>NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY</b> Music @ 7 PM Ron Bublitz	29 
30 Bloody Mary Bar 11 AM - 3 PM <b>SKOL NATION</b> 	31 Buck Off Monday  Bengals at Browns 7:15 PM	<b>WM. T. MCCOY POST 92 MEMBERSHIP DINNER</b> Monday, November 14, 2022 - Social Hour: 4:00PM - Dinner: 5:00PM All paid 2023 American Legion Post 92, Auxiliary Unit 92, and SAL Squadron 92 members eligible FREE for member and one guest. RSVP no later than November 7th. <b>LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE</b>				

PULL TABS - ELECTRONIC TABS - SCRATCH TAB MACHINE - ELECTRONIC BINGO  
 MN CHARTIABLE GAMBLING LICENSE: 00254-003

# Eyota Post 551

# Oktoberfest

## \$8 Wednesday Dinner Specials

- October 5th: Kielbasa, Potatoes and Sauerkraut
- October 12th: Brats with Sauerkraut on Bun and Potato Salad
- October 19th: Pork Schnitzel w/Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- October 26th: German Meatballs w/Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

*Food served from 5-7pm*

## Available each Wednesday

- Kids Meal: Hot Dog w/Mac n Cheese \$5
- Soft Pretzel w/Cheese \$2
- German Chocolate Cake \$2

## Bar Specials - Enjoy all month long!

- Brat & Kraut Pizza w/2 Tap Beers \$15
- Oktoberfest Beer \$4
- Jagermeister Bomb \$1 off

*10/5: Free Goldschlager shot, until gone*