

## **November is Past Presidents Parley Month**

### ***How to Mentor a New Member***

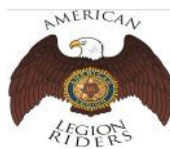
#### Unit Past Presidents Parley Responsibilities

- ☆ Offer to escort a new member to your meeting.
- ☆ Introduce her to the president as well as other members in attendance. Ask her to share a little about herself. This information could be helpful in determining in which committee she may have the greatest interest. Have each attendee introduce herself.
- ☆ As each program is given, request that the chairman explain the purpose of the program and how the Unit supports it. Explain the duties of the officers, the chairmen and the committee members.
- ☆ Discourage naming a new member as an officer or a chairman, but suggest she be given the opportunity of working on a committee with an experienced chairman. Let her know you are willing to mentor her and assist by answering her questions. Remember to praise her efforts.
- ☆ Help maintain a positive attitude and assist in avoiding controversy during the meeting. Interject some occasional humor to help make the meeting fun.
- ☆ Remind the members to try new ideas without criticism if they fail. Suggest trying something else. Help keep the meeting moving toward a positive conclusion.
- ☆ Continue to support through your ongoing leadership.

Past Presidents, you may wish to promote the nomination of a Unit Member of the Year. You may take the lead in recommending servicewomen to submit for an award as well.

Coming soon..... District Past President's Parlay luncheon Spring of 2019.

Cheryl Nymann,  
Past President Parlay Chairman



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES

November 11, 2018 - Veterans Day, please attend a Veteran Day program in our area. This year is the 100th anniversary of the end of WW I so please take time to remember.

November 17, 2018 - Area Four National Security and Foreign Relations Rally at Lyle post 105. Social and fun time 2 pm, motivation and learning rally at 4 pm.

November 22, 2018—Thanksgiving Day, remember our homeless and needy veterans during the holiday season.

December 16, 2018 - The First District Christmas party at Eyota American Legion Post 551. Christmas caroling will start at 1:00 pm with social time following in the legion hall.

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### FROM YOUR ADJUANTS DESK

This will be the only time that the district officer lists and the District and Department events lists will be sent out in the newsletter. Please print those pages off and keep them for your records.

# FIRST DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT EVENTS

## 2018 - 2019

(Department events in Italic bold print)

*July 19 – 21, 2018 Department Convention in Rochester, MN.*

July 29, 2018 – The First District Family picnic in Todd Park in Austin, MN at 1:00 pm.

*August 4, 2018 – Department membership team meeting at 9:00 am, Department Executive Board meeting at 11:00 am at the Anoka Post 102.*

*August 24 – 30, 2018 – The American Legion National 100th Convention in Minneapolis, MN .*

*September 6-8. 2018 – Department Camporee at Legionville.*

*September 8, 2018 – Department Harvest Rally at Legionville, membership turn in from 3 to 4 pm, program at 4:30 pm with the meal TBA.*

September 22, 2018 – Area Two National Security Rally, Kasson Post 333 at 2 pm for game and social time and the information and motivation rally at 4:00 pm.

October 6, 2018 First District Fall Rally at Mabel Post 299, Executive Boards at 9:00 am and informational and learning rally at 10:00 am.

*October 26-27, 2018 – The Department Fall Conference in Marshall, MN times TBA.*

November 17, 2018 – Area Four National Security Rally at Lyle Post 105, 2:00 pm game and social time with the informational and motivation Rally at 4:00 pm.

*December 8, 2018 – The Department Pearl Harbor Rally at Faribault Post 43 membership turn in from 11 pm to 12 pm, brunch at 5:00 pm with program to follow.*

December 16, 2018 - First District Christmas Party at the Eyota Post 551, 1:00 pm.

January 5, 2019 – First District Mid-Winter at The LeRoy Community Center, LeRoy, MN, Executive Boards at 9:00 am, sessions at 10:00 am.

January 5, 2019 – The First District Oratorical Contest at 1:00 pm in the LeRoy Community Center, LeRoy, MN.

February 3, 2019 – The First District Four Chaplains Service at \_\_\_\_\_ Post \_\_\_\_\_.  
(tentative)

**February 9, 2019 – The Department Sweetheart Rally at Royalton Post 137, membership turn in from 3:00 to 4:00 pm with the program at 4 pm. Dinner to follow.**

March 2, 2019 – Area Three National Security Rally at Rushford Post 94, 2 pm game and social time with the informational and motivation Rally at 4:00 pm.

**March 9, 2019 – The Department Family Appreciation Rally at Montgomery Post 79, executive board meeting (TBA), membership turn in from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm with the program to follow.**

March 16, 2019 – The First District American Legion Auxiliary Jr Conference at Owatonna Post 77 at 9:00 AM.

March 23, 2019 – Area One National Security Rally at Millville Post 579, game and social time from 2:00 to 3:00 pm and the informational and motivation rally at 3:45 pm.

**April 2019 ?????? - The Department Spring Rally.**

April 6 2019 – First District President’s Testimonial at Eyota Post 551. (joint)

April 6, 2019 – First District Commander’s Testimonial at Eyota Post 551. (joint)

April 6, 2019 – First District SAL Commander’s Testimonial at Eyota Post 551 (joint)

April 27, 2019 – Department Commander’s Testimonial at Anoka Post 102, time TBA.

May 4, 2019 - First District SAL Convention at Stewartville Post 164 - 9 AM

May 17 – 18, 2019 – The First District Convention at Stewartville Post 164.

May 18, 2019 – The Department President’s Testimonial at Warren, MN.

## FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S DESK

Hi First District American Legion Family:

We moved up to 7th place (64.71%) but we are still 615 behind what we had at this time last year. Two posts at goal (Millville and Austin Spam) @ three only need one, and a couple need 3 more.

Its that time of the year when we start having membership dinners, but its also time to start knocking on doors making phone calls and asking people to join the Legion. WE have to stop the slide, and get the younger generation to step up and get involved in the different programs. The first of the year is coming fast, and on January 1st their dues are past due and also every one that's not paid their insurance is in danger. I know of several posts that on the 1st of Jan. you can't even go into the Legion unless your with a paid up member. Maybe we need to do this at all the posts, so far at least 3 notices have been sent out and some still haven't paid their dues (I even got one @ I'm a Life Member).

Fall Conference in Marshall was just got over and it was a very good turnout. Some very different kinds of speakers, but also right to the point on their subjects, which was great. Rained when we got there but next two days were good. Even coming home the sun shined most of the way. The First District was very well represented; still need more posts to send members to get the news that is put out first hand, @ take back to their post.

There was a speaker on Veterans @ Cannabis, a update on the state of MN Veterans Affairs office. Past State Commander James Kellogg presented awards to the Military Personal for their Achievement in our reserves and guard units. Health Advisors spoke on, help with your VA Benefits @ Medicare coverage how to use them together. Plus a Etiquette of a Legion Meeting that a lot more of us should had been there for, a lot of truth was in that little skit.....

Gary Miller 1st Dist. Commander  
Semper Fidelis to all Veterans!!

## FROM YOUR LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

### *DISTRICT ONE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR -*

Did prepare a documented summary paper on legislative initiatives I have been championing. Made presentations to Rochester Post #92 and at the Department Fall Conference. The initiatives included: From the Congressional side were the USPS Marketing Mail Premium discontinuance bill which National Commander Reistad has reached out to ALL veterans to write and oppose this measure. I did prepare a sample Legion letterhead message to use to send out. Secondly support our "Save the VA" message by lobbying legislators to oppose this move. Appears there is a movement to defund the VA system. Also supporting the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017 – H.R. 299, and presented my Vietnam War Period Date Change to November 1, 1955 with a white paper and suggested Resolution.

From the Minnesota State side, continue to lobby for submitting a Combined Net Receipts Tax Bill for the 2019 legislative session. Also been assisting the Military Order of Purple Heart recipients and getting cities and the county of Wabasha Country designated a Purple Heart entity. From an Area One perspective have received three invitations to present a Veterans Day speech from November 10<sup>th</sup> thru November 12<sup>th</sup>, before the respective communities of Lake City, Millville and Rushford.

Continued attending the United Veterans Legislative Council (UVLC) and Military Action group (MAG) meetings, as the American Legion representative and will issue a meeting information summary under separate cover letters.

Respectively submitted

Andru Peters  
District One Legislative Committee Chair;  
Vice Commander, Area One

## FROM AREA ONE

**AREA ONE** – October saw the continued push for membership renewals. This month attended numerous meetings, which included: In the Twin Cities attended the United Veterans Legislative Council (UVLC) and Military Action Group (MAG) meetings (will submit separate meeting summaries), the District One Fall Rally at Mabel Post #299, the Department District 1 & 3 Membership workshop at LeCenter Post #108 where Post attendees from District 1 & 3 brainstormed on ideas what needs to change in reviving membership renewals. Met with the new appointed Olmsted County Commander Mark Maloney and shared ideas that he could use in reviving his county meeting formats. Attend the Rochester Post #92 general meeting and provided a legislative update to members. Reached out and met with Sadie Rezac, Minnesota Assistance Council for veterans (MACV) to discuss how to expand and make the Rochester Stand Down event for 2019 a better venue to reach out to all veterans in SE Minnesota. Met with the Military One source group, Tiffany Kovaleson & Mike Meier to discuss opportunities and awareness of their program for veterans. Finally attended the Department Fall Conference in Marshall and the Gambling seminar by Nichole Engeswick, Compliance specialist out of the Mankato office and then participated in the Department Legislative committee chaired by Peggy Moon. I presented a legislative update on initiatives I am involved in as District One Legislative chair.

Andru Peters - Area One Vice Commander

## FROM AREA TWO

Greetings to all!

Veterans Day is coming soon! The 100 anniversary of the end of World War One along with, Veterans day programs at schools, churches, nursing homes, go and participate we need to attend these to show we are here and our respect and honor and teach all generations. Remember and pray for all the deployed. They are defending our country and all of our Freedoms. We need to do our part and VOTE!!! God bless all !!!

Area 2 vice commander

## FROM AREA THREE

Greetings Area 3, as we move into November already you can certainly feel the hawk making an appearance. First I would like to address American Education Week, which is 12-16 November this year. This is an opportunity for local Posts to show the schools and teachers they are appreciated in the Communities. It can also be a time to recognize students that have participated in American Legion as well as Auxiliary programs. Next, the Centennial of Armistice Day is fast approaching. The World War One Centennial Commission has many things planned, not the least of which is the "Bells of Peace" which is an app and bells will ring all across the Country. The app is free and again, it is an opportunity for The American Legion to stand tall in our communities as we remember and honor the end of the "War to end all wars." Once again, I would like to thank all the Posts in Area 3 for the job well done so far. But we are not there yet. The latest info shows Whalen needs 1 to hit 100%, and Chatfield needs 5 thank you. All Posts in Area 3 that are at 100% or higher on 01 January will receive a special incentive award from myself as your vice commander. Communications are also an area of concern. How can we best move forward addressing this. So many seem to think it all comes from top down, yet we are a grass roots organization from the Post level up. Do you reach out to contact, live with the expectation that we will seek you out, which we do. If Posts have questions, we can schedule events at a central location to go over questions and grow your knowledge. But, once again, I'm not clairvoyant or a mind reader. Post Commanders and Adjutants, what do each of you want for the future of your Posts? To grow and be vibrant members of your communities, or not? Also am looking for people who are willing to serve as either vice commander next year, or on committees. Thank you and have an amazing month.

## FROM AREA FOUR

Hello Comrades and American Legion Family,  
 Soon it will be Veteran's Day and a time to remember our Veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives for our freedom. We are trying something new in Austin and I hope many other areas are doing this also. On November 11 we are asking all churches to ring their bell 21 times to show their awareness and respect for our fallen Comrades, men and women. We are ringing the bells at noon instead of eleven o'clock so as not to interfere with our freedom to worship  
 I attended the Fall Conference at Marshall. Many people spoke on ways to enhance our membership. I believe the answer is educating our members and the community on the Four Pillars of the American Legion. I believe the more they know, the more they will care.  
 We cannot gain respect by using anger foul language and resentment to implement our goals and programs. Some people need to apologize and think family values. Remember to thank a veteran.  
 Area 4 Vice Commander Rollie Hanson

## FROM YOUR LEGION CHAPLAIN

1<sup>st</sup> District Chaplain November Newsletter Article

I am writing as I sit at the kitchen table on this bright, sunny Sunday morning looking out at the flowers that have gone brown and the oak leaves that are falling by the bushels full. Another year of gardening and lawn work is coming to an end. Another year of field work is also coming to an end. It's been a good year for crops—some of the best beans and corn I've ever had the opportunity to harvest. Fall is in its full glory.

In the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah, verse 8, it says, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever." I can't help but think about that verse while sitting here in front of the kitchen window. Nothing lasts forever, be it grass, flowers, corn, beans, or even us in our earthly bodies. Nothing will last forever; only the Word of God will remain the same. His Word has remained the same since it was first written, and will be so until the end of time. The Word of God, as written in the Bible, tells us everything we need to know to live our life here on earth and into eternity. God has promised us life and life abundantly if we would but call on His name and seek His face.

We, as Americans and Legionnaires, need to look to God for what is needed not only personally, but also, nationally. November is a busy month, but please take time to vote in our national, state and local elections on the 6<sup>th</sup>. That is one of our most valued freedoms. It is a privilege and obligation that not all nations in the world have.

November 11, Veterans' Day, the end of WWI. 100 years ago that war ended and because of some visionary people, the American Legion came into being. Let us celebrate the birthday of the Legion with thankful and grateful hearts. And let us continue the commitment those first men started decades ago.

And, finally, let us give thanks for all God has blessed us with in our lives, our families, and our nation. May Thanksgiving Day be celebrated in your heart and in your home.

Until Next Time,  
For God and Country,  
Larry Otto, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chaplain

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

District Contest will be held at Mid-Winter in Leroy on Jan 5th 2019. Contest to start at 1:00. If you need further info you can also go to [legion.org](http://legion.org) and go to Oratorical site to get the rules and regulations Or you can email me at [papafix1@gmail.com](mailto:papafix1@gmail.com) for info. We will be awarding for 1st \$200.00, 2nd \$125.00 and 3rd \$75.00. Department contest will be at Osseo and Anoka Posts on Saturday March 2nd. More info will be distributed to the winner at District level when the time comes.

Amendment 1 Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances

Amendment 4

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment 13

1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.
2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Amendment 21

1. The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.
2. The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.
3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

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District and Department Chairman.

## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!!

**Sorry I could not be with you at Mabel—I was working the Disabled Vets Deer Hunt at Legionville.**

**Thank you to the First District AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY for all your help at manning the Minnesota Nice Booth. We could not have done it without all your help.**

**Once again, the First District was there to help in a BIG way. It was so appreciated. Thank you again.**

**Jim Kellogg**

## First District 2019 membership report for 10/31/2018 Bulletin # 18

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	573	399	5	404	70.51%	169	10/31/2018
90	LEWISTON	72	52	1	53	73.61%	19	10/31/2018
190	ST CHARLES	146	105	11	116	79.45%	30	10/31/2018
<b>WINONA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>791</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>72.44%</b>	<b>218</b>	
50	WABASHA	230	166	6	172	74.78%	58	10/31/2018
110	LAKE CITY	144	107	3	110	76.39%	34	10/31/2018
179	PLAINVIEW	186	120	3	123	66.13%	63	10/31/2018
546	KELLOGG	67	40	0	40	59.70%	27	10/17/2018
573	ELGIN	32	17	2	19	59.38%	13	10/31/2018
579	MILLVILLE	145	146	8	154	106.21%	-9	10/31/2018
588	MAZEPPA	74	53	0	53	71.62%	21	10/10/2018
<b>WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>878</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>76.42%</b>	<b>207</b>	
92	ROCHESTER	938	576	15	591	63.01%	347	10/31/2018
119	BYRON	150	95	1	96	64.00%	54	10/31/2018
164	STEWARTVILLE	290	202	10	212	73.10%	78	10/31/2018
446	ROCHESTER	18	11	0	11	61.11%	7	9/12/2018
551	EYOTA	184	113	7	120	65.22%	64	10/31/2018
<b>OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1580</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>65.19%</b>	<b>550</b>	
<b>AREA ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>3249</b>	<b>2202</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>2274</b>	<b>69.99%</b>	<b>975</b>	
295	WEST CONCORD	60	31	8	39	65.00%	21	10/31/2018
330	HAYFIELD	215	156	0	156	72.56%	59	10/17/2018
333	KASSON	260	179	15	194	74.62%	66	10/31/2018
384	DODGE CENTER	81	55	0	55	67.90%	26	10/17/2018
422	CLAREMONT	32	22	1	23	71.88%	9	10/31/2018
<b>DODGE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>648</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>72.07%</b>	<b>181</b>	
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	107	77	0	77	71.96%	30	10/3/2018
77	OWATONNA	510	338	15	353	69.22%	157	10/31/2018
296	ELLENDALE	34	32	0	32	94.12%	2	9/26/2018
<b>STEELE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>651</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>70.97%</b>	<b>189</b>	
75	NEW RICHLAND	54	10	0	10	18.52%	44	9/12/2018
228	WASECA	320	211	32	243	75.94%	77	10/31/2018
281	JANESVILLE	99	66	2	68	68.69%	31	10/31/2018
587	WALDORF	25	2	0	2	8.00%	23	8/24/2018
<b>WASECA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>498</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>64.86%</b>	<b>175</b>	
<b>AREA TWO TOTALS</b>		<b>1797</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1252</b>	<b>69.67%</b>	<b>545</b>	
40	LANESBORO	106	87	1	88	83.02%	18	10/31/2018
68	SPRING VALLEY	82	57	0	57	69.51%	25	9/12/2018
81	HARMONY	34	22	0	22	64.71%	12	9/26/2018
94	RUSHFORD	121	84	0	84	69.42%	37	10/3/2018
166	PRESTON	68	53	5	58	85.29%	10	10/31/2018
197	CHATFIELD	51	46	0	46	90.20%	5	10/10/2018
299	MABEL	177	104	1	105	59.32%	72	10/31/2018
369	WYKOFF	19	14	0	14	73.68%	5	10/10/2018

400	CANTON	13	10	0	10	76.92%	3	10/17/2018
492	FOUNTAIN	16	14	0	14	87.50%	2	10/17/2018
526	PETERSON	39	31	0	31	79.49%	8	10/17/2018
544	OSTRANDER	28	17	0	17	60.71%	11	9/12/2018
637	WHALEN	14	13	0	13	92.86%	1	9/19/2018
<b>FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>768</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>72.79%</b>	<b>209</b>	
191	CALEDONIA	164	83	0	83	50.61%	81	10/17/2018
249	SPRING GROVE	159	88	17	105	66.04%	54	10/31/2018
423	HOUSTON	116	81	1	82	70.69%	34	10/31/2018
498	HOKAH	21	15	0	15	71.43%	6	9/12/2018
595	LA CRESCENT	320	156	1	157	49.06%	163	10/31/2018
<b>HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>780</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>56.67%</b>	<b>338</b>	
<b>AREA THREE TOTALS</b>		<b>1548</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>64.66%</b>	<b>547</b>	
56	ALBERT LEA	627	427	21	448	71.45%	179	10/31/2018
264	GLENVILLE	82	51	1	52	63.41%	30	10/31/2018
266	HARTLAND	16	15	0	15	93.75%	1	9/12/2018
317	EMMONS	63	47	0	47	74.60%	16	10/17/2018
404	ALDEN	113	70	0	70	61.95%	43	9/26/2018
552	FREEBORN	39	27	0	27	69.23%	12	9/12/2018
<b>FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>940</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>70.11%</b>	<b>281</b>	
91	AUSTIN	547	326	15	341	62.34%	206	10/31/2018
105	LYLE	90	42	0	42	46.67%	48	9/19/2018
140	GRAND MEADOW	49	27	1	28	57.14%	21	10/31/2018
146	ADAMS	214	109	1	110	51.40%	104	10/31/2018
161	LEROY	62	30	2	32	51.61%	30	10/31/2018
570	AUSTIN SPAM	7	8	1	9	128.57%	-2	10/31/2018
<b>MOWER COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>969</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>58.00%</b>	<b>407</b>	
<b>AREA FOUR TOTALS</b>		<b>1909</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1221</b>	<b>63.96%</b>	<b>688</b>	
1111	DAKOTA	50	0	0	0	0.00%	50	8/1/2018
<b>DISTRICT ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>8553</b>	<b>5535</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>5748</b>	<b>67.20%</b>	<b>2805</b>	

AREA	VICE	COMMANDERS							
AREA ONE			3249	2202	72	2274	69.99%	975	
AREA TWO			1797	1179	73	1252	69.67%	545	
AREA THREE			1548	975	26	1001	64.66%	547	
AREA FOUR			1909	1179	42	1221	63.96%	688	

### FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hello everyone here are the latest standing from Department.

We are currently in 7<sup>th</sup> place just .39% from 6<sup>th</sup> place or approximately 35 members from 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Vice commanders please check your areas we have 12 posts that have not sent in membership since September and 1 post that has not sent any in since August please check with them.

Congratulations to Millville and Austin Spam for being over goal.

Gary Weaver - First District Legion Membership Director

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> District Auxiliary

Was so nice to see so many at the 1<sup>st</sup> District Fall Rally on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Mabel Post for hosting it and a special thanks to Louise Kleiboer for all of her work and making us feel welcome.

Department has requested mid-year reports from the program chairman this does not need to be anything formal just a few sentences about what has been done April 1<sup>st</sup> to present. Please get those to the District chairman by November 15<sup>th</sup> so they can write their reports to have in by December 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm including a District Chairman list so you have the information. If you have any questions please let me know.

November is Past Presidents Parley Month if your Unit has a luncheon or dinner to honor your past presidents please take pictures and send them to me would love to see and hear how you are recognizing them.

Important dates in November ALA Birthday Anniversary 10<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day 11<sup>th</sup>, American Education Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.

How is everyone doing with the ALA Academy, remember when you complete the 5 courses let me know so you can be entered in the drawing in May at convention. <https://www.alaforveterans.org/ala-academy/>

We have a District Family Membership Rally on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Lyle Post 105 2:00 pm is games and social time and turn in, 4:00 pm is informational and membership reports.

“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.” – President Harry S. Truman

Michelle Weaver

1<sup>st</sup> District President

## FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

### November Newsletter

### RENEW-RECRUIT-REJOIN

### Together We Shine for Membership

I know everyone is off to a great start on membership! Have a contest within your Legion Family, have a recruiting table at an event in your club or out in the community. Ask you Legionnaires if their spouses are members of the Auxiliary....these are just some ideas to help with recruiting members.

President Michelle has challenged SAL on getting more members than the Auxiliary this year. Let's show them ladies!

As of October 18th: First District moved from 8<sup>th</sup> place up to 6<sup>th</sup> place! Thank you for everyone's hard work on getting our membership turned in! Our district is still 285 members less than last year at this time....just keep on turning in your memberships on a weekly basis if you can. Thank you for all that you do!

**Have a great month Renewing-Recruiting-Rejoining -Membership Team!**

Wanda Prescher-Membership

## Gilmore-Stensrud Post #552 Auxiliary, Freeborn, MN event

December 2, 2018 beginning at 3:00/4:30/5:00/6:00

Santa visits/Hospice Tree Lighting Ceremony/Community Potluck/Community Bingo Party

Thank You

Sandra Anderson, Auxiliary President

## FROM YOUR AUXILIARY HONORARY JR PRESIDENT

Greetings,

This month has been busy for me. I attended the District Rally in Mabel and collected some donations for my project. My project is to donate monies to a service dog that will help a veteran. When training a service dog, the cost can be expensive. I was told it can cost up to \$23,000 to train a service dog. My goal is to help pay for part of this service dog. I also attended the Department Fall Conference in Marshall. This was a good learning experience for me and I had a great time with everyone.

I wanted to let all Junior members know that there will be a Christmas Party for the department on December 16<sup>th</sup> in Eyota. I encourage all young SAL and Junior members to attend. There will be gifts, games and crafts for all to do.

Thank you,

Kassy Bettermann, 1<sup>st</sup> District Honorary Junior Auxiliary President

## **A reminder to All Units of 1<sup>st</sup> District (President/Treasurer)**

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

Every year we lose members. This year 252. Why?? This is not all due to death. We need to Renew-Recruit-Rejoin members. I'm sure that each of you know one person that is eligible for membership in our auxiliary. Do not hesitate to ask them to join. Membership chairman Wanda is hoping to get the 1<sup>st</sup> District back on top. If we all work together, great things can be accomplished.

Enclosed in this mailing is a listing of your UNITS per capita for 2018-2019. Your per capita is based on your membership as of July 31, 2018. (Membership x \$2) On this same sheet, you will note every Unit has District Junior dues of \$10.00.

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

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

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

Please mail to me, 1<sup>st</sup> District Treasurer, at the following address:

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

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

This is the per capita amount for 2018-2019. The per Capita for this year to \$2/per member. Every unit has an annual \$10.00 District Junior Fee also. Please double check to make sure my math is correct. These are the monies that the 1<sup>st</sup> District operates on for the year. ***This will only be printed this mailing – so, please keep for future reference and inform your unit treasurer.***

<b><u>Unit</u></b>	<b><u>Per Capita</u></b>	<b><u>Jr. Dues</u></b>	<b><u>Total Members</u></b>
Adams	\$260	\$10.00	130
Albert Lea	\$610	\$10.00	305
Alden	\$98	\$10.00	49
Austin	\$270	\$10.00	135
Blooming Prairie	\$212	\$10.00	106
Byron	\$162	\$10.00	81
Caledonia	\$152	\$10.00	76
Chatfield	\$74	\$10.00	37
Claremont	\$42	\$10.00	21
Dodge Center	\$150	\$10.00	75
Elgin	\$32	\$10.00	16
Eyota	\$198	\$10.00	99
Freeborn	\$124	\$10.00	62
Glenville	\$202	\$10.00	101
Grand Meadow	\$132	\$10.00	66
Harmony	\$104	\$10.00	52
Hayfield	\$380	\$10.00	190
Hokah	\$38	\$10.00	19
Houston	\$282	\$10.00	141
Kasson	\$286	\$10.00	143
Kellogg	\$262	\$10.00	131
LaCrescent	\$392	\$10.00	196

Lake City	\$148	\$10.00	74
Lanesboro	\$208	\$10.00	104
Leroy	\$108	\$10.00	54
Lewiston	\$70	\$10.00	35
Lyle	\$106	\$10.00	53
Mabel	\$252	\$10.00	126
Mazeppa	\$82	\$10.00	41
Millville	\$102	\$10.00	51
New Richland	\$108	\$10.00	54
Ostrander	\$26	\$10.00	13
Owatonna	\$236	\$10.00	118
Peterson	\$74	\$10.00	37
Plainview	\$318	\$10.00	159
Rochester	\$304	\$10.00	152
Rushford	\$146	\$10.00	73
Spring Grove	\$256	\$10.00	128
Spring Valley	\$86	\$10.00	43
St. Charles	\$124	\$10.00	62
Stewartville	\$374	\$10.00	187
Wabasha	\$236	\$10.00	118
Waldorf	\$46	\$10.00	23
Waseca	\$480	\$10.00	240
West Concord	\$68	\$10.00	34
Whalen	\$42	\$10.00	21
Winona	\$294	\$10.00	147
Wykoff	<u>\$36</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>18</u>
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**The Forte Milers Barbershop Chorus &  
The Adams American Legion Auxiliary  
present**

***CHRISTMAS CABERNET CON-  
CERT***

**Sunday December 9 – 3:00 p.m.  
Adams American Legion**

2:00 p.m. – Wine Available, Cheese & Crackers

**3:00 p.m. – Forte Milers Christmas Chorus Concert**

4:00 p.m. – Desserts & Coffee

**Free Will Donations**

***All proceeds go to the Adams American Legion***



# *Cruisin'* *Tuesdays*

**(BURGER NIGHT)**

## **AT THE EYOTA LEGION**

CRUISE IN WITH YOUR SPECIAL CAR, TRUCK,  
MOTORCYCLE OR WHATEVER.

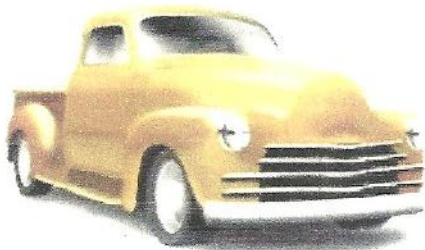
ALL WELCOME.

**STARTING TUESDAY JUNE 5, 2018**

**FOOD 5:00PM TO 8:00PM**

**DOOR PRIZES. FOOD SPECIALS.**

**SEE YA THERE!!**



# STEAK FRY



**Choose steak, shrimp or both!**

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

**12 oz. ribeye \$15**

**6 shrimp \$10**

**8 oz. ribeye & 3 shrimp \$15**

**Proceeds go toward required kitchen upgrades  
and other building repairs.**

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

**Waseca American Legion**

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