



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

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

December 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM will be the dedication of the centennial plaque at Peavey Piazza in Minneapolis. We would like to see a great turn -out of legionnaires at this event.

December 7, 2019 is the Department Pearl Harbor rally at 11:00 AM in Rosetown Post 542 in Rosetown, MN

December 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM is the First District Christmas party in Mabel post 299 for caroling.

January 4, 2020—The First District Mid Winter at Stewartville Post 164. Sessions starting at 10:00 AM

### 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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## FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings First District American Legion Family.

Thank you for your service and support for our veterans.

The training meeting in Blooming Prairie for the First and Third district was very well attended and a big kick off for our membership year setting goals, and much discussion.

The Fall rally in Dodge Center was well attended and packed with information. We had speakers, Veteran service officer, Humana, blue star mother, gold star mother, police officer from the school. All very educational.

Fall conference in Mahanomen was very good turnout and very educational with real good speakers. The Legionnaire will have it covered very well and all paid membership will receive it.

The mission act signed into law June 6th 2019 has to do with health benefits. The choice program is no longer part of our benefits.

November 23 at 10:00 . At the Winona post will be our first revitalization and rally will start at 2:00pm. This is our area 1 and area 3 rally. We will need help with calling and picking up memberships that day in Winona area and surrounding posts that day.

VETERANS DAY - THANK YOU VETERANS for your service!!!

Many programs that day try to attend those at schools, churches, nursing homes, communities centers, Legion halls

Membership dinner is a good place to get your dues paid, Get them paid so you stay current to keep all of your American Legion benefits.

Thanksgiving is a great to give thanks for our Freedoms, and all the things we have. Help those less fortunate.

December 15 is our District Christmas party at the Mabel Legion post 1:00 bring a dish to share. Possibly Christmas Caroling around town.

Midwinter rally is in Stewartville JANUARY 4 2020. With the American legion oratorical contest being held that day also.

AUSTIN is the host post for the District convention May 16th 2020. Thank You for doing this big event! Thank You Rollie Hanson and post 91 and all the volunteers that will be working on this big event.

Thank all these post for hosting all these events throughout the year.

Pray for all our troops for serving and defending our Freedoms.

For God and country

Dale Wellik  
First District Commander

## From your 1<sup>st</sup> District Legion Chaplain

Another fall season is upon us; where did the summer go? The harvest is in full swing as we go about bringing in this year's crop. God faithfully provides. And we, as His children, should be on our knees thanking Him for this bounty, in spite of the challenges of the year's weather!

Let us remember our veterans on Nov. 11, both those serving now and those who served in the past. All gave some, and some gave all. So please find a Post that is celebrating Veterans' Day and join in on the celebration that honors men and women of our military, giving thanks for their service to God, Country and us.

Later on this month we set aside a day for giving thanks. President George Washington proclaimed Thursday November 26, 1789 as a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" following a resolution of Congress. President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a federal holiday in 1863 during the American Civil War and to continue each year on the last Thursday in November. We have both President Washington and President Lincoln to thank for recognizing Thanksgiving Day as an important time set aside to "Give Thanks".

We, as God's people, should do that more than one day a year; simply for every day that we take a breath on this earth. Along with that, giving thanks for the many other blessings God has given to us such as home, food, health, family and this great country—the land of the free, because of the brave-- should definitely take place more than once a year! So on November 28, 2019 take time to enjoy family and friends and to give thanks to God for all He has provided.

Until next time, may God Bless and keep you and yours.

In His service to God and Country,  
Larry H. Otto, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chaplain



I would like to thank you for all your hard work in the 1<sup>st</sup> district. We are getting our membership up. Great job. As we are going into the holiday season remember those who can't be with loved ones. Those of us who have been deployed remember the worries we had about home and are the family going to be ok. Let us, as the American Legion family, reach out to them. Show them that we are glad to support them as they are now carrying the torch that we once carried. If you hear of a deployed soldier or guardsmen bring it up to your post and let's find a way to help that family. Remember they are fighting for us and we have an obligation to care for their family.

In closing remember why the American Legion and the Auxiliary was started and remember our mission. The Legion family is a team and we work well together. A reminder that on Nov 23, 2019 starting at 1000 at Winona Post 9 we are going to have a revitalization and a rally starting at 1400 until ? Post Commanders, please make sure that your member contact numbers are updated.

Remember the troops in our prayers. Mark Maloney

### FROM AREA FOUR

Hello First District,

I just returned from the annual Fall Conference at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. It was a great conference. I attended the Americanism meeting and learned some great news. Our district was number one in the CPR submittal. We had 49 posts turn them in for an 86% success rate. Well done. We should be very proud of ourselves.

We still need to get the memberships in as soon as possible. Area 4, we are lagging behind. November will be a busy month.

On November 8th at 6:30 there will be a showing of Private Ryan at the Paramount Theater in Austin. A free will donation will be accepted. This is sponsored by the military organizations in the Austin area.

Our wonderful American Legion Auxiliary will turn 100 years old on November 10th. Please contact your post for information on celebrations and attend them if possible. They support us and now it is our turn to support them on this centennial birthday.

November 11th is Veterans Day. Once again, please contact your post or posts in your area for celebrations.

If there is anything I can do to support you, please let me know.  
Mary Hanson

I felt the need to share this with all of you as we prepare for Veterans Day. The 11th Month, The 11th Day, The 11th Hour....we remember!!!

Veterans Day is a public holiday that is dedicated to honoring anyone who has served in the United States military. It began as a way to remember the end of World War I and was declared a holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. It became the official Veterans Day in 1954. As many of you may know, November 11th was chosen as the official date commemorating the end of World War I when Germany signed an armistice with the Allies that signaled the end of the war. The 11th month, the 11th day, the 11th hour... we remember!!!!

I have had the opportunity to meet many veterans both as I was growing up and more recently when I was Chairman of Veterans Policy & Finance as a Minnesota State Senator. I was able to travel to the VA homes around the State and have one-on-one time with these Veterans. Some would tell me stories, others would ask for help on a few issues and others would just smile as I shook their hand and thanked them for their service to this country.

Back in 2005, The Hartford Courant sponsored in partnership with the CT Veterans Day Parade Committee, and invited 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Greater Hartford to convey, in words and pictures, what it means to be a military veteran.

Ashley Enns, Grade 6 from Canton Intermediate School wrote:

What it means to be a veteran is to feel the DUTY to protect our country and to fight for what you believe in. It means to LOVE your country enough to sacrifice your life if necessary. It means to have FAITH in God, your country, and your beliefs.

What it means to be a veteran is to risk your life to help others HEAL when they could not do it on their own. It means to be APPRECIATED by the people you have fought for and protected. It means to have HONOR in everything you do and say.

What it means to be a veteran is to take PRIDE in your service to our country. It means to be PROUD you stood for something.

Greetings, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. At your next meeting, please make a donation to help the Pheasant Dinner Program work for your vet's homes so they may have a great event. Veterans never quit, we never give up the fight, no matter how tough the odds, no matter how long it takes.

Post membership; keep working on gaining and retaining your post members. Many of your posts simply need to get a few of your unpaid members paid up and your post is one hundred percent membership. This will keep your post relevant as veteran service organization within your communities.

November 11<sup>th</sup>, reflecting on Veterans Day, we need our post to participate in community events. I would like to see us participate in the ringing of the bell at the eleventh hour on Veterans Day.

The consolidated post report (CPR) is especially important and is available online at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) along with the traditional paper copy. Please fill out Post Adjutant.

God Bless Our Veterans  
James Westby

### AREA TWO CONTINUED

Ashley Pinero and Ada Sierra, Grade 6, Pulaski Middle School, New Britain wrote:

"To me, a veteran is someone who loves this country very much. A veteran must love their country in order to leave her or his family for freedom. Not just for their freedom but for all of ours. That is what being a veteran means to me."

Isn't it amazing how these young 6th graders, not yet soiled by the negative wave of the world can put together words that make a Veteran: Duty, Love, Faith, Honor, Pride, Protector of Freedom?

So on this Veterans Day we remember all who serve this Great Country of ours. I for one want to say Thank you and Salute you!

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## DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT RALLYS 2019 – 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ District Jr Conference – TBA

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**We would like to have all officer endorsements for the 2020-2021 legion year sent to the District Adjutant by Mid-Winter on January 4, 2019. So if you are planning to run for an elected office next year please get your post endorsement and mail get it to Wayne as soon as possible.**

## ADJUTANT’S COMMENTS

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

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

## MORE INFORMATION ON THE LEGION ACT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 10/30/2019

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	546	391	7	398	72.89%	148	10/16/2019
90	LEWISTON	71	51	5	56	78.87%	15	10/30/2019
190	ST CHARLES	141	96	1	97	68.79%	44	10/2/2019
<b>WINONA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>758</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>72.69%</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
50	WABASHA	213	158	8	166	77.93%	47	10/30/2019
110	LAKE CITY	148	102	7	109	73.65%	39	10/30/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	171	112	1	113	66.08%	58	10/16/2019
546	KELLOGG	64	45	6	51	79.69%	13	10/30/2019
573	ELGIN	28	16	4	20	71.43%	8	10/30/2019
579	MILLVILLE	146	134	19	153	104.79%	-7	10/30/2019
588	MAZEPPA	75	50	9	59	78.67%	16	10/30/2019
<b>WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>845</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>79.41%</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
92	ROCHESTER	887	603	25	628	70.80%	259	10/30/2019
119	BYRON	140	86	1	87	62.14%	53	10/16/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	292	208	11	219	75.00%	73	10/30/2019
446	ROCHESTER	15	8	1	9	60.00%	6	10/16/2019
551	EYOTA	185	107	9	116	62.70%	69	10/30/2019
<b>OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1519</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>69.72%</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
<b>AREA ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>3122</b>	<b>2167</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>2281</b>	<b>73.06%</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
295	WEST CONCORD	61	43	5	48	78.69%	13	10/30/2019
330	HAYFIELD	202	133	22	155	76.73%	47	10/30/2019
333	KASSON	260	198	5	203	78.08%	57	10/30/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	77	52	4	56	72.73%	21	10/30/2019
422	CLAREMONT	30	23	1	24	80.00%	6	10/16/2019
<b>DODGE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>630</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>77.14%</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	104	75	6	81	77.88%	23	10/30/2019
77	OWATONNA	468	305	21	326	69.66%	142	10/16/2019
296	ELLENDALE	35	23	6	29	82.86%	6	10/30/2019
<b>STEELE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>607</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>71.83%</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
75	NEW RICHLAND	55	35	2	37	67.27%	18	10/30/2019
228	WASECA	319	199	26	225	70.53%	94	10/16/2019
281	JANESVILLE	93	68	8	76	81.72%	17	10/30/2019
587	WALDORF	26	10	7	17	65.38%	9	10/2/2019
<b>WASECA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>493</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>72.01%</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
<b>AREA TWO TOTALS</b>		<b>1730</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>73.82%</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
40	LANESBORO	107	92	1	93	86.92%	14	10/16/2019
68	SPRING VALLEY	77	55	7	62	80.52%	15	10/30/2019
81	HARMONY	31	21	1	22	70.97%	9	10/2/2019
94	RUSHFORD	122	71	3	74	60.66%	48	10/30/2019
166	PRESTON	66	54	6	60	90.91%	6	10/30/2019
197	CHATFIELD	50	5	39	44	88.00%	6	9/18/2019

299	MABEL	159	111	3	114	71.70%	45	10/16/2019
369	WYKOFF	18	12	4	16	88.89%	2	9/13/2019
400	CANTON	14	2	4	6	42.86%	8	10/9/2019
492	FOUNTAIN	15	1	9	10	66.67%	5	9/18/2019
526	PETERSON	38	18	7	25	65.79%	13	9/13/2019
544	OSTRANDER	23	18	2	20	86.96%	3	10/9/2019
637	WHALEN	14	2	4	6	42.86%	8	8/14/2019
<b>FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>734</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>75.20%</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
191	CALEDONIA	157	126	5	131	83.44%	26	10/30/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	160	91	7	98	61.25%	62	10/16/2019
423	HOUSTON	109	67	9	76	69.72%	33	10/30/2019
498	HOKAH	21	12	3	15	71.43%	6	9/13/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	290	191	11	202	69.66%	88	10/30/2019
<b>HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>737</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>70.83%</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
<b>AREA THREE TOTALS</b>		<b>1471</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1074</b>	<b>73.01%</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
56	ALBERT LEA	576	404	37	441	76.56%	135	10/30/2019
264	GLENVILLE	79	48	4	52	65.82%	27	10/30/2019
266	HARTLAND	16	11	1	12	75.00%	4	10/30/2019
317	EMMONS	58	40	5	45	77.59%	13	10/30/2019
404	ALDEN	114	72	8	80	70.18%	34	10/30/2019
552	FREEBORN	34	20	7	27	79.41%	7	9/18/2019
<b>FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>877</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>74.91%</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
91	AUSTIN	500	328	23	351	70.20%	149	10/30/2019
105	LYLE	87	42	5	47	54.02%	40	10/30/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	45	28	4	32	71.11%	13	10/2/2019
146	ADAMS	188	126	8	134	71.28%	54	10/30/2019
161	LEROY	51	42	1	43	84.31%	8	10/30/2019
570	AUSTIN SPAM	8	10	1	11	137.50%	-3	10/16/2019
<b>MOWER COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>879</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>70.31%</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
<b>AREA FOUR TOTALS</b>		<b>1756</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>72.61%</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>
1111	DAKOTA	70	0	0	0	0.00%	70	8/1/2018
<b>DISTRICT ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>8149</b>	<b>5451</b>	<b>1523</b>	<b>5907</b>	<b>72.49%</b>	<b>2242</b>	<b>10/30/2019</b>

AREA	VICE	COMMANDERS							
AREA ONE			3122	2167	114	2281	73.06%	841	10/30/2019
AREA TWO			1730	1164	113	1277	73.82%	453	10/30/2019
AREA THREE			1471	949	125	1074	73.01%	397	10/30/2019
AREA FOUR			1756	1171	104	1275	72.61%	481	10/30/2019

# FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings from your president;

November is a busy month for our Auxiliary, celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! With our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on November 10<sup>th</sup> your American Legion Auxiliary celebrates a century of “**Service Not Self**”. Many Units are celebrating during the Veterans Day Dinners.

Many will be involved with their Veterans Day programs at the schools, care centers and Veterans dinner. Please get involved with whatever your post has planned.

The 1<sup>st</sup> District had a nice turnout at the Fall Conference in Mahanomen. Representation from Austin, Dodge Center, Glenville, Hayfield, Plainview, LeRoy, Rochester and Stewartville. Thank You to everyone who attended.

Highlights from the Conference:

Changes that will need to make our Standing Rules and need no approval coming from National. No longer use Chairwomen or Chairman; change to Chairperson.

Preamble changes; Change Great Wars to All Wars.

Members can only sign-up two (2) generations, daughter and granddaughter going forward. No longer great- granddaughters, those that you have now will remain.

Poppy Program: Our Juniors need to be more involved with poppy distribution.

Juniors should be doing the Poppy Poster Contest, as well as the schools. If your Unit is not doing this, you need to!

The Poppy Program is our largest program and our Juniors need to more involved.

Mid-Year Reports: Due to Department in early December. District Chairpersons will be collecting from Units, a short recap of what has been done from September to November in your programs. Let's have a good showing from the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

Department Poppy Contest:

1) Poppy Birthday Cake: Stewartville Unit 164

2) Poppy Centerpiece: Glenville Unit 264

Congratulations First District!

Remember to vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Voting is a privilege that was given to us!

American Education Week is November 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Recognize your teachers and school staff who work so hard with our youth.

Membership for the District through 10/25/19 is disappointing at 51.07%. Ranking 10<sup>th</sup> in Department. Every member who pays their dues is doing a Service to Veterans! Let's work a little harder on getting our renewals turned in!

To all our Veterans as we honor Veterans Day, thank you for your service, your sacrifices, and for protecting the land of the free, because of the brave.

Fall Rally at Dodge Center was very informative, with speakers from Blue Star Mothers, Gold Star Mothers and the Olmsted County Veterans Service liaison. Thank you to Commander Dale for a great Fall Rally!

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Enjoy this special day with family and friends!

Wanda Prescher  
1<sup>st</sup> District President.

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

### RENEW – RECRUIT – REJOIN

#### Mining for Members...Each One is a Gem

The First District is off to a good start this year in membership. Do some exciting events to promote membership. Work together with the Legion Family and recruit new members as a family, and ask Legionnaire spouses if their spouses are members of the Auxiliary. Get all involved.

As of October 25, 2019 the First District is in 10<sup>th</sup> place. There are some units that need to work on turning in membership. Consider doing some fun events to try and enhance the membership. Last year at this time we were in 6<sup>th</sup> place. There are a few units that are in the 90%: Wykoff, Peterson and Freeborn.

Thank you to all units for your hard work. Please continue to work on turning in your membership on a weekly basis.

#### Have a great month and continue to RENEW – RECRUIT – REJOIN!!

Tonia Bettermann-Membership

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
9	Winona	137	95		95	69.34%	42
90	Lewiston	37	21		21	56.76%	16
190	St Charles	53	20		20	37.74%	33
50	Wabasha	113	57		57	50.44%	56
110	Lake City	72	32		32	44.44%	40
179	Plainview	139	67		67	48.20%	72
546	Kellogg	124	72		72	58.06%	52
573	Elgin	18	1		1	5.56%	17
579	Millville	53	4		4	7.55%	49
588	Mazeppa	37	21		21	56.76%	16
92	Rochester	135	79		79	58.52%	56
119	Byron	75	17		17	22.67%	58
164	Stewartville	173	134		134	77.46%	39
551	Eyota	100	41		41	41.00%	59
<b>Pod One Total</b>		<b>1266</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>52.21%</b>	<b>605</b>
295	West Concord	34	2		2	5.88%	32
330	Hayfield	182	103		103	56.59%	79
333	Kasson	133	79		79	59.40%	54
384	Dodge Center	75	2		2	2.67%	73
Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
422	Claremont	21	1		1	4.76%	20
52	Blooming Prairie	104	40		40	38.46%	64
77	Owatonna	113	63		63	55.75%	50
75	New Richland	49	2		2	4.08%	47
228	Waseca	243	165		165	67.90%	78
587	Waldorf	19	12		12	63.16%	7
<b>Pod Two Totals</b>		<b>973</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>48.20%</b>	<b>504</b>

40	Lanesboro	103	11		11	10.68%	92
68	Spring Valley	42	35		35	83.33%	7
81	Harmony	53	1		1	1.89%	52
94	Rushford	55	22		22	40.00%	33
197	Chatfield	32	28		28	87.50%	4
299	Mabel	123	63		63	51.22%	60
369	Wykoff	17	16		16	94.12%	1
526	Peterson	43	41		41	95.35%	2
544	Ostrander	15	1		1	6.67%	14
637	Whalan	22	0		0	0.00%	22
191	Caledonia	75	59		59	78.67%	16
249	Spring Grove	122	49		49	40.16%	73
423	Houston	138	98		98	71.01%	40
498	Hokah	18	2		2	11.11%	16
595	La Crescent	181	105		105	58.01%	76
<b>Pod Three Totals</b>		<b>1039</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>51.11%</b>	<b>508</b>
56	Albert Lea	289	182		182	62.98%	107
264	Glenville	87	64		64	73.56%	23
404	Alden	37	17		17	45.95%	20
552	Freeborn	61	56		56	91.80%	5
91	Austin	128	52		52	40.63%	76
105	Lyle	56	0		0	0.00%	56
140	Grand Meadow	63	41		41	65.08%	22
146	Adams	132	28		28	21.21%	104
161	Leroy	46	30		30	65.22%	16
<b>Pod Four Totals</b>		<b>899</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>52.28%</b>	<b>429</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>4177</b>	<b>2131</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2131</b>	<b>51.02%</b>	<b>2046</b>



A Roller Grill and bun warmer that Winona American Legion Auxiliary has available. If interested call Brian Tomashek at 507-454-5998.

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**JUNIOR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

This year has been a good challenge for me. I am a senior and I have been doing many exciting things so far this year. I have been in a swimming team which takes up my time but I have enjoyed being part of a team.

I heard when I was at one of my swim meets in Farmington on October 12<sup>th</sup> there was a basket passed around for my project. Thank you to everyone who contributed to my project. I raised \$108 that day. My project is to help the veterans that want a service dog but may not be able to afford one. Believet out of Northfield will train a dog for a veteran at no cost.



Thank you for all you have done for me.  
Kassy Bettermann



## *Basic Parliamentary Procedure*

### **Eight Steps in Processing a Main Motion**

**Step 1:** Member rises and addresses the chair when nothing is pending. “Mr. President.” Or “Madame President.”

**Step 2:** Chair recognizes member by nodding at the member or stating his name. “Mr. Williams.”

**Step 3:** Member states his/her motion. “I move that we have a canned food drive.”

**Step 4:** Another member seconds the motion (without recognition). “Second.”

**Step 5:** Chair states the motion and places it before the assembly for discussion. “It is moved and seconded that we have a canned food drive. Is there any discussion?”

**Step 6:** Members have the right to get recognition and debate the motion. During debate subsidiary motions (i.e. amendments) may be introduced to help the assembly make a final decision.

**Step 7:** When discussion is finished the Chair puts the question to a vote. “The question is on the adoption of the motion that we have a canned food drive. Those in favor, say AYE.” (Pause.) “Those opposed, say NO.” (Pause.)

**Step 8:** Chair announces the results of the vote. “The AYES (NOES) have it; the motion is adopted (lost); we will (not) have a canned food drive; the next business in order is ...”

### **Methods of Voting**

- ✦ **Unanimous Consent** – no member objects to a proposal that meets with general approval; a vote of silent agreement.
- ✦ **Voice Vote** – regular method of voting on any motion that does not require more than a majority vote; most common form of voting.
- ✦ **Rising Vote** – method used when a two-thirds vote is required for adoption; is also used when a member calls for a division of the assembly.
- ✦ **Show of Hands or Voting Cards** – an alternative method for a rising vote.
- ✦ **Counted Vote** – can be ordered by the chair when it appears a voice vote is unclear and it can be ordered by a majority vote of the assembly.
- ✦ **Ballot or Roll Call Vote** – can be ordered by a majority vote of the assembly and is required if specified in bylaws.

**The 13 Ranking Motions** – motions lower on the list cannot be made if anything higher is pending.

**1. Fix the time to which to adjourn:** This motion is used to set the time for another meeting to continue business of the session. It does not adjourn the present meeting or set a time for its adjournment.

**2. Adjourn:** This is a motion to close the meeting.

**3. Recess:** A short interruption which does not close the meeting. After recess, business resumes at exactly the point where it was interrupted

**4. Raise a question of privilege:** This device permits a request or a motion relating to the rights of either the assembly or an individual to interrupt business and, because of its urgency, be brought up for possible immediate consideration.

**5. Call for the order of the day:** By the use of this motion, a single member can require the assembly to follow the order of business or agenda, or to take up a special order that is now due to come up, unless two-thirds of the assembly wish to do otherwise.

**6. Lay on the table:** This motion is used to place the pending motion aside when something of an urgent nature arises and needs the immediate attention of the assembly.

**7. Previous question:** This is simply a motion to end debate, allow no further subsidiary motions on the pending motion, and take a vote. It must be seconded, no debate is allowed, and a 2/3 vote is needed to close debate.

**8. Limit or extend limits of debate:** This motion can reduce or increase the number and length of speeches permitted or limit the length of debate on a specific question.

**9. Postpone definitely:** Should be used if the body needs more time to make a decision or if there is a time for consideration of the question that would be more convenient. The postponement cannot be beyond the next session in a group that meets regularly.

**10. Commit or refer to a committee:** This motion sends the main motion to a committee for further examination and refinement before the body votes on it.

**11. Amend:** The intent of this motion is to modify the pending motion before it is voted on.

**12. Postpone indefinitely:** This motion, in effect, kills the main motion for the duration of the meeting without having to take a vote on it.

**13. Main motion:** a formal proposal for consideration and action.

### The Three Ways to Amend

#### 1. To insert or to add (a word, consecutive words, or a paragraph).

##### Phrasing:

“I move to amend the motion by inserting the word ‘consecutive’ before the word ‘terms.’”

“I move to add the words ‘at a cost not to exceed \$100.’”

“I move to amend by adding the following paragraph...”

#### 2. To strike out (a word, consecutive words, or a paragraph).

##### Phrasing:

“I move to amend by striking out the word ‘every.’”

“I move to amend by striking out the words ‘during the second semester.’”

“I move to strike out the third paragraph.”

#### 3. To strike out and insert (words) or to substitute (paragraph or entire main motion).

##### Phrasing:

“I move to strike out the word ‘monthly’ and insert the word ‘annually.’”

“I move to substitute for the pending main motion the following...”

### The Order of Business

- ✦ Reading and approval of minutes – approves the record of actions taken at previous meeting.
- ✦ Reports of officers and standing committees – considers actions as recommended by an officer or committee. Any correspondence received should be read if not distributed prior to the meeting. A financial report is made at every meeting.
- ✦ Reports of special committees – considers actions as recommended by a group formed for a particular purpose.
- ✦ Special orders – considers items that were made special orders for this meeting or items required to be taken up at this meeting by provision in the bylaws.
- ✦ Unfinished business and general orders – considers items not reached when the last meeting adjourned or items postponed to this meeting.
- ✦ New business – considers actions proposed by members.

## Debate

### Decorum in Debate

- ✦ In order to debate a question, a member must rise and address the presiding officer by his/her title, and be assigned the floor.
- ✦ Always address remarks to the chair, never using a member's name where it is possible to describe him otherwise.
- ✦ The correctness of a statement of facts may be denied, but the motives of a member are not questioned.
- ✦ Discourteous language is never used.

### Rules of Debate

- ✦ The maker of a debatable motion is always entitled to the floor first, as soon as the chair states the question on the motion. When a motion is made by order of a committee, the reporting member of the committee should be recognized first.
- ✦ As much as possible, debate should alternate between pro and con.
- ✦ Do not waste time with frivolous arguments or repetitions.
- ✦ The member who introduces a question is allowed to close the debate, provided he/she has not already exhausted his time.

### Number and Length of Speeches

- ✦ Unless permission is given by the assembly, no member shall speak

... longer than ten minutes at a time,

... more than twice on the same question on the same day,

... a second time until every one has spoken who desires to do so.

- ✦ At any meeting the limits of debate may be changed by a two-thirds vote.
- ✦ If a member who has the floor allows another member to make an explanation, the time is charged to the one who has the floor.
- ✦ Consider adopting a special rule of order limiting speakers to 2 to 3 minutes at a time.

## From your Auxiliary Parliamentarian

To all Units in the District.

Each month I will try to send you some basic information in regards to running a smooth meeting.

This month, Please take note how important it is to make sure your Constitution and By-laws are up to date.

I believe this will be the year every Unit will need to make change due to the changes in membership, the change in our Preamble, the change of chairman to chairperson, etc! This all took place at the National level and we must abide by the rules. At Fall Conference both Carol Kottum, Department C&B chairperson and Marsha Bible, Department Parliamentarian stated they would help anyone get updated on the changes.

The National website has a temp plate that can be used---Units just need to put in their specifics.

This is very important for each Unit to remain a non-profit organization! We must maintain our C&B and standing rules.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me or e-mail. I will make sure to put you in the right direction to get your updates.

District Parliamentarian,

Sandy Fredrickson

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# CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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



## American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION	
Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)	
If Living:	American Legion Member ID # Post # City State
<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records. For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: <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.*

## **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 287. Why?? This is not all due to death. We need to Renew-Recruit-Rejoin members. I'm sure that each of you know one person that is eligible for membership in our auxiliary. Do not hesitate to ask them to join. Membership chairman Tonia is hoping to get the 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 2019-2020. Your per capita is based on your membership as of July 31, 2019. (Membership x \$2) On this same sheet, you will note every Unit has District Junior dues of \$10.00.

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

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

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

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

Audrey Farnsworth	email: harlee@charter.net
302 1st St. E.	Phone – 507-533-4454
Stewartville, MN 55976	Cell – 507-319-0257

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 Wanda and the First District proud of our great organization!

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

This is the per capita amount for 2019-2020. The per Capita for this year to \$2/per member. Every unit has an annual \$10.00 District Junior Fee also. Please double check to make sure my math is correct. These are the monies that the 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	\$574	\$10.00	287
Alden	\$72	\$10.00	36
Austin	\$252	\$10.00	126
Blooming Prairie	\$204	\$10.00	102
Byron	\$148	\$10.00	74
Caledonia	\$148	\$10.00	74
Chatfield	\$62	\$10.00	31
Claremont	\$40	\$10.00	20
Dodge Center	\$148	\$10.00	74
Elgin	\$34	\$10.00	17
Eyota	\$196	\$10.00	98
Freeborn	\$120	\$10.00	60
Glenville	\$172	\$10.00	86
Grand Meadow	\$124	\$10.00	62
Harmony	\$104	\$10.00	52
Hayfield	\$360	\$10.00	180
Hokah	\$34	\$10.00	17
Houston	\$272	\$10.00	136
Kasson	\$262	\$10.00	131
LaCrescent	\$358	\$10.00	179
Kellogg	\$244	\$10.00	122

Lake City <sup>22</sup>	\$142	\$10.00	71
Lanesboro	\$202	\$10.00	101
Leroy	\$90	\$10.00	45
Lewiston	\$72	\$10.00	36
Lyle	\$110	\$10.00	55
Mabel	\$242	\$10.00	121
Mazeppa	\$72	\$10.00	36
Millville	\$104	\$10.00	52
New Richland	\$96	\$10.00	48
Ostrander	\$28	\$10.00	14
Owatonna	\$222	\$10.00	111
Peterson	\$84	\$10.00	42
Plainview	\$274	\$10.00	137
Rochester	\$266	\$10.00	133
Rushford	\$108	\$10.00	54
Spring Grove	\$240	\$10.00	120
Spring Valley	\$82	\$10.00	41
St. Charles	\$104	\$10.00	52
Stewartville	\$342	\$10.00	171
Wabasha	\$222	\$10.00	111
Waldorf	\$36	\$10.00	18
Waseca	\$482	\$10.00	241
West Concord	\$66	\$10.00	33
Whalen	\$42	\$10.00	21
Winona	\$270	\$10.00	135
Wykoff	<u>\$32</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	\$8,218	\$480.00	4109

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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Greetings SAL Members,

The month of November is of course of great significance, as it's the month we actually set aside a day to honor our Veterans. Here is a little history behind this special day.

It coincides with other holidays including [Armistice Day](#) and [Remembrance Day](#) which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of [World War I](#). Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the [Armistice with Germany](#) went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

This is a day you should certainly stop and thank a Veteran. Please be sure to get involved in your communities celebrations. There are typically several events to attend at your Legion.

We also have Thanksgiving coming up upon us. Do you know any Veterans that are not so well off that would benefit from a Thanksgiving dinner? I know in our community there are normally a few restaurants doing discounted or free meals. Let's all pay it forward and see what we can do for those in need.

Now for membership news, which could be better: Our District has several Squadrons still sitting at zero. I know Chuck and Brian have been making contacts with different Squads. That being said, we still have a long way to go on improving our numbers. Please be vocal with Chuck, Brian and myself as to what we can do to help support your Squadrons.

We have to get the Posts and Squadrons working together so we can strengthen our Legion. I have heard too many times that there seems to be differences that are not being overcome. Lets work together to correct the issues.

In closing I want to personally Thanks all Veterans for their service and also wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless the USA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Lemmer

District 1 SAL Commander

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## SAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 10/9/2019

SQUAD	LOCATION	GQAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	81	4	74	78	96.30%	3	9/10/2019
40	LANESBORO	62	0	0	0	0.00%	62	8/19/2019
50	WABASHA	11	0	0	0	0.00%	11	8/19/2019
90	LEWISTON	47	0	0	0	0.00%	47	8/19/2019
92	ROCHESTER	133	80	19	99	74.44%	34	10/9/2019
94	RUSHFORD	48	0	0	0	0.00%	48	8/19/2019
119	BYRON	38	0	19	19	50.00%	19	10/9/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	111	0	12	12	10.81%	99	8/19/2019
166	PRESTON	44	0	0	0	0.00%	44	8/19/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	18	0	0	0	0.00%	18	8/19//2019
190	ST CHARLES	12	7	3	10	83.33%	2	9/10/2019
191	CALEDONIA	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
249	SPRING GROVE	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
299	MABEL	29	0	3	3	10.34%	26	9/10/2019
423	HOUSTON	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
546	KELLOGG	24	0	0	0	0.00%	24	8/19/2019
551	EYOTA	44	0	4	4	9.09%	40	10/9/2019
573	ELGIN	3	0	0	0	0.00%	3	8/19/2019
579	MILLVILLE	32	0	0	0	0.00%	32	8/19/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	71	0	0	0	0.00%	71	8/19/2019
<b>TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE</b>		<b>817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>27.54%</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>10/9/2019</b>
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	42	0	0	0	0.00%	42	8/19/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	141	59	30	89	63.12%	52	10/9/2019
75	NEW RICHLAND	5	0	0	0	0.00%	5	8/19/2019
77	OWATONNA	142	0	5	5	3.52%	137	9/10/2019
91	AUSTIN	72	0	0	0	0.00%	72	8/19/2019
105	LYLE	35	0	0	0	0.00%	35	8/19/2019
140	GRAND MEADOW	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
146	ADAMS	136	0	34	34	25.00%	102	9/10/2019
161	LEROY	51	0	0	0	0.00%	51	8/19/2019
228	WASECA	32	0	23	23	71.88%	9	10/9/2019
264	GLENVILLE	41	10	10	20	48.78%	21	10/9/2019
266	HARTLAND	15	0	0	0	0.00%	15	8/19/2019
281	JANESVILLE	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10	8/19/2019
317	EMMONS	16	0	0	0	0.00%	16	8/19/2019
330	HAYFIELD	36	0	19	19	52.78%	17	10/9/2019
333	KASSON	35	10	10	20	57.14%	15	10/9/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
404	ALDEN	63	0	4	4	6.35%	59	10/9/2019
552	FREEBORN	32	0	13	13	40.63%	19	10/9/2019
<b>TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE</b>		<b>930</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>24.41%</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>10/9/2019</b>
1111	DAKOTA	83	0	19	19	22.89%	64	10/9/2019
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>		<b>1789</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>25.94%</b>	<b>1325</b>	<b>10/9/2019</b>

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### FIRST DISTRICT

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Greetings to the First District American Legion Family,

All, or most of the bikes and trikes have been tucked in for the winter months ahead so this is a good time to cover a few operational requirements.

ALR Chapters, be sure that your members have a current membership card. We are collecting 2020 dues now for Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. We need to be sure that these memberships are current and valid for someone to continue as an ALR member. Please review the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution under membership eligibility.

Also, under the Articles of Incorporation you will see that there is no mention of "social or honorary" membership to the ALR. Chapters should follow the membership guidelines carefully.

We are a program of the American Legion and must abide by the regulations which have been adopted.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Dennis Lewison

First District ALR Advisor



# LIVER FEED



Includes fried potatoes, onions and a bun.

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

Proceeds go to Legion Marching Unit

Saturday, November 2nd, 5 p.m.

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



# STEAK FRY



Choose steak, shrimp or both!  
Served with a baked potato, dinner salad and Texas garlic toast.

12 oz. ribeye \$15

6 shrimp \$10

8 oz. ribeye & 3 shrimp \$15

Proceeds go toward required kitchen upgrades and other building repairs.

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

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



# TACO NIGHTS



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

Margaritas  
only \$3.50



Meat Raffles too!

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

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## LACRESCENT SAL OMELET

### BREAKFAST



8:00 AM until 12:00 PM

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

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

**2019 SCHEDULE**

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

**2020 SCHEDULE**

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

**Louis McCahill**  
 American Legion - Post 110  
 Lake City MN.

*Public Invited!* *Public Invited!*



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

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

**Door Prize Drawing**  
 for Free Steak Dinner at future Steak Fry

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

# 2019 Veterans Day Special Film Event: Saving Private Ryan

**6:30 pm on Friday, Nov 8 2019**

At the Historic Paramount Theatre,  
 125 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Austin, MN

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

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

**For more information, call 507-437-4583**

Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>

**SPAM<sup>®</sup> BLAST**

and **PASTA PARTY**

Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:00 PM

The  
Gold Star Band  
7:00 PM

Meat Raffles All Night!  
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- SPAM<sup>®</sup> Burgers!
- Open Faced SPAM<sup>®</sup> Sandwiches!
- Open Faced Broiled SPAM<sup>®</sup> Sandwiches!
- SPAM<sup>®</sup> Pizza by the Slice, Too!



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*Friends helping Friends*

*Saturday  
November 9th  
starting at 2pm  
American Legion  
in Lewiston*



*Steak  
+  
Shrimp Dinner*



*Benefit for Ember Reps  
Daughter of Shawn + Allison Reps*

*Ember Reps was born with a rare genetic called Trisomy 18 known as Edwards syndrome. Instead of the normal pair, an extra chromosome 18 results (a triple) in the developing baby and disrupts the normal pattern of development in significant ways that can be life-threatening. Ember is beating the odds but she has many challenges ahead.*

*Friends + family have organized this benefit to help Shawn + Allison with medical expenses for Ember that has already accrued and any future medical expenses that may lie ahead of them. Please join us this day in support!*

*Meals served all afternoon + evening starting at 2pm until gone!  
300 meals available!*

*Steak + Shrimp \$20*

*Just Steak \$18*

*Just Shrimp \$18*

*Meals served with Baked Potato,  
Coleslaw + Bun*

*Personal donations will also  
be gladly accepted this day!*

**American Legion in Lewiston**