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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

Thanksgiving Day—Please remember those serving.

December 4, 2021—Department Pearl Harbor Rally— Montgomery.

December 12, 2021 - District Christmas Party—Stewartville Post 164 at 12:00 noon.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE
Kasson Post 333 has a over supply of medical equipment which includes hospital beds with mattresses, wheel chairs (both regular and electric), motorized scooters and much more. If interested please call Richard Denny at 507—259—2081 for more information.

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Greetings to the American Legion Family!

The Departments Fall Conference is over and the 1st District Fall Rally is right around the corner, November 6th in Owatonna at Post 77. Hope to see many of you there.

I wasn't able to make the Departments Fall Conference due to testing positive for Covid and being quarantined for 14 days. I must admit it was the worst flu I've ever had. Completely recovered now and back at it. I was so impressed with the quality of video and audio coming out of Fall Conference. Thanks to the New Media & Communications Committee for all their hard work in making the entire Fall Conference accessible to anyone who wanted to watch and be informed.

A big thank you goes out to Spam Post 570 and Waldorf Post 587 for their donation to my Commander's Technology Fund. Remember, it only takes \$1.00 per American Legion Family members to help create our Technology Fund to help us reach veterans through all social media.

I was invited to say a few words at Waseca Post 228's Membership Dinner on Saturday, October 23rd and was joined by Past Commander Dale Wellik and District Membership Director Mary Hanson. It was a wonderful event with well over 100 in attendance.

I had a chance to get a picture of one of the Post long time members of 55 years Spencer Anderson Sr. Spencer was one of 12 Post members honored with over 50 years continuous service and 2 Auxiliary members with 55 years continuous service. Congrats to Commander Lamar Kuster and Post member Kent Schultz for receiving the Erv Willie Community Award. Well deserved.



Looking forward to my trips to Wabasha Post 50 and Kellogg Post 546 for their Membership Dinners coming up on November 6th.

Veterans Day is coming quickly. Have you given a thought as to what you're going to do? I'm talking about educating our youth as to the

meaning of Veterans Day. Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. ... Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

***I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

God Bless the Veterans here and gone, God Bless America!!!

Commander Mike Parry

To the American Legion Family,

Where has this year gone? Here it is the last week of October; seems like just yesterday we were planting the corn and beans. Now some farmers are already done with fall tillage. The older I get, the faster the years go by.

One of the messages from Fall Conference that stand out to me was about the Legion Family and how we are united together for one dual purpose—God and Country. In the first three gospels of the New Testament Jesus talks about a house divided. In the book of Mark 3rd chapter, 25th verse, Jesus states, “And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.” When I consider what’s happening at the local, state and national levels, I begin to wonder how much longer we, as a nation, will be able to stand. I see so much division, not only between political parties, but also within each party and within general civic and faith groups. I have to ask myself, “How much longer? How much longer, Lord, until your kingdom comes down to earth, and we see your glory face to face? How much longer?” The Bible tells us not even the angels know when that will happen, so in the meantime, all we can do is pray. Pray for the future of this great nation that God had a hand in creating. Pray for those in local, state, national and global authority.

Veterans’ Day is November 11th; if possible, attend a Veterans’ Day event, visit a veteran in the hospital or care facility, do a Buddy Check, help someone in need, or simply lend a helping hand. And on the 25th of November, Thanksgiving Day, remember to take the day and thank God for all he has done for us this past year.

As you are out and about beware of farmers who are still on the road traveling between fields. And then, as we enter into November and December, have a joyful holiday season!

God’s Peace and Grace to You and Yours,
Larry H. Otto
1st District Chaplain



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4 **PITCURES FROM THE 2021 LEGION DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE**



Department Commander Fernlund and Adjutant



Enlisted Service men of the year and their families



Legion members who received a Quilt of Honor quilt at Fall Conference



American Legion Foundation President Lloyd Ricker talking about the new veteran assistance fund.



The Enlisted Service Men of the year holding their awards.



DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT DATES.

August 27 thru Sept 2 - National Convention

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

Sept 11 – Department Harvest Rally – At Legionville

October 21 – 23 – Department Fall Conference in Mahnomon

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

December 4 – Department Pearl Harbor Rally—time -TBA – Montgomery

December 12 – First District Christmas Party – Stewartville, 12:00 noon

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

February 5, 2022 – Department Sweetheart Rally—time - TBA– Pine Island

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

March 12 – Department Appreciation Rally -Forest Lake

March 19 – First District Jr Conference – Glenville, Exec Board 9:00 AM, Conference called to order immediately after Exec Board.

March 19, 2020 West Side Rally—Ellendale Community Center, 2:00PM

April 30 – First District Leaders combined testimonials – At Eyota

May 7 – First District ALR Conferences – Albert Lea

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

Hello Comrades!

The crops are coming in fall is upon us and winter is around the corner. Soon we will be turning our clocks back as the days become shorter.

This last month I had the opportunity to attend SPAM Post 570's 75 Anniversary. It was an awesome ceremony! They included a reading of the history of the post as to how the SPAM Post started. Included were their accomplishments from the beginning to present. I learned a lot!

Attending different area 4 posts, I am learning more and more along with getting the opportunity to talk with those present. We have identified good things along with some problem areas that need to be worked on. Together we are going to correct the areas that need help and make things better. I also understand now why things don't get done as fast as we want our Post Commanders, Adjutants and Membership Chairs to do things. I am retired while most of them still work, have families and other commitments. Keep working together and things will get done.

In last month's Legion Magazine I read that upwards of 20 veterans die by suicide every single day. Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Michael Barrett stated this at the American Legion National Convention. We as veterans need to add it to our basic daily routine, contact Buddy Checks. Make sure your buddy, your brothers, your sisters are OK!

Looking forward to attending the First District Fall Rally on Saturday November 6th in Owatonna, Post 77. It will start at 10:00 AM with Registration of Five (5) dollars & lunch available for eight (8) dollars. Looking forward to seeing all commanders in Area 4 along with other post officers and members. This is a great time to ask some questions and get answers.

We need to remember those veterans that served this great country of ours. Thursday November 11th is Veterans Day. This is when we take the time to honor those men and women who have served in the armed forces to uphold freedom for their nation. Originally it was called "Armistice Day", which marked the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. The war ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year.

To our men and women in uniform, past, present and future, God bless you and thank you.

Until next month be safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Area 4 Vice Commander
Wes Halverson

A GOOD REASON TO JOIN

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

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

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Commander
Mark A Maloney III



7The American Legion, Dept of MN, First District 2022 Membership Report for October 14, 2021

Dist	Post	Location	New 2022	PUFL 2022	Online 2022	Trad 2022	Paid 2022	HQ Trans 2022	Total Membr 2022	Goal 2022	% of Goal	HQ Trans 2022	Last yr at this dae
1	9	Winona	0	31	0	310	341	0	341	505	67.52%	0	0
1	90	Lewiston	1	8	0	48	57	0	57	73	78.08%	0	0
1	190	St Charles	0	19	0	94	113	0	113	135	83.70%	0	0
1		Winona County	1	58	0	452	511	0	511	713	71.67%	0	0
1	50	Wabasha	0	44	0	91	135	0	135	219	61.64%	0	0
1	110	Lake City	0	21	0	91	112	0	112	145	77.24%	0	0
1	179	Plainview	0	28	0	76	104	0	104	148	70.27%	0	0
1	546	Kellogg	0	8	0	35	43	0	43	61	70.49%	0	0
1	573	Elgin	0	2	0	19	21	0	21	28	75.00%	0	0
1	579	Millville	0	20	0	63	83	0	83	151	54.97%	0	0
1	588	Mazeppa	0	9	0	43	52	0	52	69	75.36%	0	0
1		Wabsha County	0	132	0	418	550	0	550	821	66.99%	0	0
1	92	Rochester	1	93	0	448	542	0	542	808	67.08%	0	0
1	119	Byron	0	17	0	48	65	0	65	130	50.00%	0	0
1	164	Stewartville	3	25	0	189	217	0	217	283	76.68%	0	0
1	446	Rochester	0	2	0	8	10	0	10	16	62.50%	0	0
1	551	Eyota	0	21	0	96	117	0	117	180	65.00%	0	5
1		Olmsted County	4	158	0	789	951	0	951	1417	67.11%	0	5
1		Area One	5	348	0	1659	2012	0	2012	2951	68.18%	0	5
1	295	West Concord	0	8	0	25	33	0	33	49	67.35%	0	0
1	330	Hayfield	0	18	0	116	134	0	134	178	75.28%	0	0
1	333	Kasson	2	28	0	151	181	0	181	262	69.08%	0	0
1	384	Dodge Center	0	7	0	44	51	0	51	81	62.96%	0	0
1	422	Claremont	0	2	0	22	24	0	24	31	77.42%	0	0
1		Dodge County	2	63	0	358	423	0	423	601	70.38%	0	0
1	52	Blooming Prairie	0	15	0	46	61	0	61	91	67.03%	0	0
1	77	Owatonna	0	52	0	171	223	0	223	429	51.98%	0	0
1	296	Ellendale	0	3	0	23	26	0	26	36	72.22%	0	0
1		Steel County	0	70	0	240	310	0	310	556	55.76%	0	0
1	75	New Richland	0	8	0	25	33	0	33	50	66.00%	0	0
1	228	Waseca	2	20	0	190	212	0	212	288	73.61%	0	0
1	281	Janesville	1	7	0	58	66	0	66	88	75.00%	0	0
1	587	Waldorf	0	0	0	18	18	0	18	23	78.26%	0	0
1		Waseca County	3	35	0	291	329	0	329	449	73.27%	0	0
		Area Two	5	168	0	889	1062	0	1062	1606	66.13%	0	0

1	8	40	Lanesboro	0	13	0	65	78	0	78	109	71.56%	0	0
1		68	Spring Valley	0	8	0	45	53	0	53	74	71.62%	0	0
1		81	Harmony	0	1	0	19	20	0	20	31	64.52%	0	0
1		94	Rushford	0	10	0	9	19	0	19	105	18.10%	0	0
1		166	Preston	0	17	0	24	41	0	41	53	77.36%	0	0
1		197	Chatfield	0	2	0	35	37	0	37	40	92.50%	0	0
1		299	Mabel	0	30	0	58	88	0	88	160	55.00%	0	0
1		369	Wykoff	0	0	0	16	16	0	16	18	88.89%	0	0
1		400	Canton	0	0	0	6	6	0	6	21	28.57%	0	0
1		492	Fountain	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	14	50.00%	0	0
1		526	Peterson	0	4	0	21	25	0	25	39	64.10%	0	0
1		544	Ostrander	0	2	0	15	17	0	17	23	73.91%	0	0
1		637	Whalan	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	11	63.64%	0	0
1			Fillmore County	0	87	0	327	414	0	414	698	59.31%	0	0
1		191	Caledonia	0	17	0	93	110	0	110	139	79.14%	0	0
1		249	Spring Grove	0	12	0	67	79	0	79	149	53.02%	0	0
1		423	Houston	1	7	0	45	53	0	53	102	51.96%	0	0
1		498	Hokah	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	23	8.70%	0	0
1		595	LaCrescent	0	44	0	126	170	0	170	259	65.64%	0	0
1			Houston County	1	81	0	332	414	0	414	672	61.61%	0	0
1			Area Three	1	168	0	659	828	0	828	1370	60.44%	0	0
1		56	Albert Lea	1	36	0	323	360	0	360	522	68.97%	0	0
1		264	Glenville	0	8	0	40	48	0	48	70	68.57%	0	0
1		266	Hartland	0	1	0	12	13	0	13	14	92.86%	0	0
1		317	Emmons	0	3	0	35	38	0	38	48	79.17%	0	0
1		404	Alden	0	4	0	4	8	0	8	98	8.16%	0	0
1		552	Freeborn	0	5	0	1	6	0	6	32	18.75%	0	0
1			Freeborn County	1	57	0	415	473	0	473	784	60.33%	0	0
1		91	Austin	6	50	0	245	301	4	305	474	64.35%	0	0
1		105	Lyle	0	8	0	35	43	0	43	84	51.19%	0	0
1		140	Grand Meadow	0	2	0	28	30	0	30	42	71.43%	0	0
1		146	Adams	0	20	0	84	104	0	104	151	68.87%	0	0
1		161	LeRoy	0	4	0	31	35	0	35	56	62.50%	0	0
1		570	Austin Spam	0	0	0	11	11	0	11	16	68.75%	0	0
1			Mower County	6	84	0	434	524	4	528	823	64.16%	0	0
1			Area Four	7	141	0	849	997	4	1001	1607	62.29%	0	0
1		1111	Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
1			District Totals	18	825	0	4056	4899	4	4903	7534	65.08%	0	5

9	Vice Commanders												
	Area One	5	348	0	1659	2012	0	2012	2951	68.18%	0	0	
	Area Two	5	168	0	889	1062	0	1062	1606	66.13%	0	0	
	Area Three	1	168	0	659	828	0	828	1370	60.44%	0	0	
	Area Four	7	141	0	849	997	4	1001	1607	62.29%	0	0	

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA 2021 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 10/14/21

Dist	Rank												
1	7th	Mike Parry	18	825	0	4056	4899	4	4903	7534	65.08%		
2	3rd	Steve Fosness	18	621	0	3371	4010	1	4011	5826	68.85%		
3	5th	Bob Hart	51	1521	0	5516	7,288	4	7,092	10,942	66.02%		
4	2nd	Dave Dahl	8	274	0	1042	1324	1	1325	1,921	68.97%		
5	10th	Wade Larson	1	292	0	841	1134	0	1134	1881	60.29%		
6	4th	Jim Lucas	41	1069	0	5759	6867	4	6,873	10,136	67.81%		
7	1st	Chip Manson	11	668	0	3117	3796	14	3810	5,509	69.16%		
8	6th	Larry Pocrnich	10	304	0	1895	2209	0	2209	3380	65.86%		
9	9th	Terry Buaas	16	521	0	3115	3652	2	3654	5802	62.91%		
10	8th	Daryl Harmon	33	879	0	4531	5443	2	5445	8376	65.01%		
99			1	222	0	1162	1385	0	1385	3469	39.33%		
Totals			208	7196	0	3,405	32,737	32	32,405	41,841	64.57%		

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTO

Hello Legionnaires,

At the time of this writing, there has not been a new membership report posted. My legion has changed how they report at post level, so I am not able to retrieve the information as I have in the past. The most current report I have will be included in this newsletter.

Our next goal is 65% on Veteran's Day, November 10th. As of 10-14-2021 36 of the 57 posts in the district are at that goal already. Please continue to submit renewals, do not hold them.


I am going to repeat what everyone has heard a million times. Membership is everyone's job. Talk to people. Do you know someone who has recently retired? They may have time now to devote to the American Legion. Do you ride the van to the VA for appointments? Speak with the other riders. Remember, all you have to do is ask. Have an open house at your post. Advertise it in the local paper and online. We need to get the younger veterans invested.

If we do not grow our membership, eventually the politicians on Capitol Hill will be deciding your benefits and veterans will have no say.

Mary Hanson
1st District Membership Director

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

THE MEANING OF COINS ON A HEADSTONE




A penny, you stopped and paid your respects.



A nickle, you attended bootcamp with them



A dime, you served in the armed forces with them



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

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



This Is Hallowed Ground

Why You Don't Walk Between The Colors

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

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

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



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The Department Fall Conference in Mahnommen was a great success. There was a good turn out of First District Auxiliary. It was great to see faces again and learn about all the programs in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Membership through October 26, 2021, has the 1st District in 9th place in the department at 44.77%. Congratulations to Wykoff as they have reached 100%. Continue to work on getting new members and working on keeping the current members. Thank you to all the Membership Chairs turning in membership in a timely manner. Please continue to work hard at getting that membership in and just remember every member who pays their dues is helping a veteran.

The 1st District Fall Rally will be held in Owatonna on November 6, 2021. Doors will open at 8 a.m. for early registration. Executive board meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. through 9:30 a.m. The joint session will start at 10 a.m. The cost for registration will be \$5 and the cost of the meal will be \$8. Please come and learn about membership and a few other great things in the program.

On December 12, 2021, the First District will be having a Christmas Party in Stewartville. There will be chili and caroling. Stewartville would like everyone attending to please bring an appetizer type food or some bars. This is a great time and a good time for us all to get to know each other.

Remember November 11, 2021, is Veteran's Day. Remember to appreciate all the veterans.

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

Thank you,
Tonia Bettermann
1st District Auxiliary President



FROM YOUR AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



Auxiliary Members, this year we have some mighty big shoes to fill in order to beat our last year's membership growth. To accomplish our 2021-2022 membership goal, each auxiliary will need to work as a team which will help us all achieve our goal of one more member than last year at the end of the year.

Wait, did I say something about filling shoes with new members??? Yes, ladies I sure did, and this is how we are going to accomplish filling these big shoes.

Above you will see three flower/shoe arrangements that will be awarded to the top three auxiliaries that match or exceed their goal of at least one more member at the end of the year. These flower/shoe arrangements will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Place—the large white shoe with flowers
- 2nd Place—the medium green shoe with flowers
- 3rd Place—the small gold shoe with flowers

Hopefully this will give us all the incentive to sign up new members. Our district came in 2nd place last fiscal year, wouldn't it be great to be in 1st place at the end of this year??? I may be new to the American Legion and to the 1st District, but I've already seen and heard about how great the 1st District is.

As of this date, here are the top three Auxiliaries: #1 Wykoff 100%, #2 Houston 89% #3 Freeborn 84%. The following Auxiliaries are at 0%: Lewiston, Lyle, Ostrander, Rushford, Waldorf & Whalen. Ladies, how can we help you with your membership? As of this newsletter, our district is currently in 9th place. We really do have some **BIG SHOES to fill!!!!**

RENEW - RECRUIT - REJOIN

Together, We Can Do It!

10/28/2021

DISTRICT	# of Units	Goal	Period Gain	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year	Difference from Last Year
One	48	3,802	561	1,702	44.77%	2190	488
Two	72	3,745	436	1,755	46.86%	2065	310
Three	46	3,671	550	1,834	49.96%	2301	467
Four	7	563	83	297	52.75%	350	53
Five	7	509	55	232	45.58%	228	-4
Six	62	4,855	633	2,593	53.41%	2973	380
Seven	60	2,970	392	1,296	43.64%	1580	284
Eight	25	1,214	101	550	45.30%	719	169
Nine	49	3,239	498	1,895	58.51%	1993	98
Ten	44	3,765	754	1,898	50.41%	2242	344
1982 Dept	1	203	15	143	70.44%	161	18
District Totals:	421	28,536	4,078	14,195	49.74%	16802	2,607



Group 1 (Even) <i>Sharon Thiemecke</i>	210	14,142	2,007	7,093	50.16%	8,349	1,256
Group 2 (Odd) <i>Mary Kuperus</i>	210	14,191	2,056	6,959	49.04%	8,292	1,333

RANKINGS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
58.51%	53.41%	52.75%	50.41%	49.96%	46.86%	45.58%	45.30%	44.77%	43.64%
District 9	District 6	District 4	District 10	District 3	District 2	District 5	District 8	District 1	District 7



1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership

As of October 26, 2021

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
9	Winona	119	76		76	63.87%	43
90	Lewiston	36	0		0	0.00%	36
190	St Charles	46	2		2	4.35%	44
50	Wabasha	104	59		59	56.73%	45
110	Lake City	70	3		3	4.29%	67
179	Plainview	127	9		9	7.09%	118
546	Kellogg	100	69		69	69.00%	31
573	Elgin	14	1		1	7.14%	13
579	Millville	45	30		30	66.67%	15
588	Mazeppa	37	11		11	29.73%	26
92	Rochester	130	51		51	39.23%	79
119	Byron	23	13		13	56.52%	10
164	Stewartville	164	107		107	65.24%	57
551	Eyota	95	70		70	73.68%	25
Pod One Total		1110	501		501	45.14%	609
295	West Concord	29	1		1	3.45%	28
330	Hayfield	171	9		9	5.26%	162
333	Kasson	143	86		86	60.14%	57
384	Dodge Center	57	2		2	3.51%	55
422	Claremont	21	1		1	4.76%	20
52	Blooming Prairie	89	45		45	50.56%	44
77	Owatonna	104	48		48	46.15%	56
75	New Richland	41	22		22	53.66%	19
228	Waseca	225	134		134	59.56%	91
587	Waldorf	19	0		0	0.00%	19
Pod Two Totals		899	348		348	38.71%	551

40	Lanesboro	84	8	8	9.52%	76
68	Spring Valley	40	25	25	62.50%	15
81	Harmony	53	1	1	1.89%	52
94	Rushford	39	0	0	0.00%	39
197	Chatfield	26	1	1	3.85%	25
299	Mabel	120	65	65	54.17%	55
369	Wykoff	17	17	17	100.00%	0
526	Peterson	45	4	4	8.89%	41
544	Ostrander	13	0	0	0.00%	13
637	Whalan	18	0	0	0.00%	18
191	Caledonia	71	58	58	81.69%	13
249	Spring Grove	94	51	51	54.26%	43
423	Houston	117	105	105	89.74%	12
498	Hokah	18	5	5	27.78%	13
595	La Crescent	160	93	93	58.13%	67
Pod Three Totals		915	433	433	47.32%	482
56	Albert Lea	266	171	171	64.29%	95
264	Glenville	96	64	64	66.67%	32
404	Alden	42	21	21	50.00%	21
552	Freeborn	58	49	49	84.48%	9
91	Austin	122	1	1	0.82%	121
105	Lyle	53	0	0	0.00%	53
140	Grand Meadow	62	31	31	50.00%	31
146	Adams	130	61	61	46.92%	69
161	Leroy	49	22	22	44.90%	27
Pod Four Totals		878	420	420	47.84%	458
Total		3802	1702	1702	44.77%	2100

A reminder to All Units of 1st District (President/Treasurer)

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

Every year we lose members. This year 188. Last year 167. 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 Kathy is hoping to get the 1st District back on top. If we all work together, great things can be accomplished.

Enclosed in this mailing is a listing of your UNITS per capita for 2021-2022. Your per capita is based on your membership as of July 31, 2021. (Membership x \$2) On this same sheet, you will note every Unit has District Junior dues of \$10.00.

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

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

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

Please mail to me, 1st District Treasurer, at the following address:

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

It is my hope that all Units from the 1st District have filed the Form 990-N with the IRS (for tax-exempt status). Your Unit President/Treasurer should be aware that this is filed annually. All Units in the Department of Minnesota have to file this form. Let's get the checks in the mail and meet our obligations early. Let's make President Tonia 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 2021-2022. The per Capita for this year to \$2/per member. Every unit has an annual \$10.00 District Junior Fee also. Please double check to make sure my math is correct. These are the monies that the 1st District operates on for the year. ***This will only be printed this mailing – so, please keep for future reference and inform your unit treasurer.***

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>PerCapita</u>	<u>Jrs.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adams	129	\$258	\$10	\$268
Albert Lea	265	\$530	\$10	\$540
Alden	41	\$82	\$10	\$92
Austin	121	\$242	\$10	\$252
Blooming Prairie	88	\$176	\$10	\$186
Byron	22	\$44	\$10	\$54
Caledonia	70	\$140	\$10	\$150
Chatfield	25	\$50	\$10	\$60
Claremont	20	\$40	\$10	\$50
Dodge Center	56	\$112	\$10	\$122
Elgin	13	\$26	\$10	\$36
Eyota	94	\$188	\$10	\$198
Freeborn	57	\$114	\$10	\$124
Glenville	95	\$190	\$10	\$200
Grand Meadow	61	\$122	\$10	\$132
Harmony	52	\$104	\$10	\$114
Hayfield	170	\$340	\$10	\$350
Hokah	17	\$34	\$10	\$44
Houston	116	\$232	\$10	\$242
Kasson	142	\$284	\$10	\$294
Kellogg	99	\$198	\$10	\$208
LaCrescent	159	\$318	\$10	\$328
Lake City	69	\$138	\$10	\$148
Lanesboro	83	\$166	\$10	\$176
LeRoy	48	\$96	\$10	\$106

Lewiston	35	\$70	\$10	\$80
Lyle	52	\$104	\$10	\$114
Mabel	119	\$238	\$10	\$248
Mazeppa	36	\$72	\$10	\$82
Millville	44	\$88	\$10	\$98
New Richland	40	\$80	\$10	\$90
Ostrander	12	\$24	\$10	\$34
Owatonna	103	\$206	\$10	\$216
Peterson	44	\$88	\$10	\$98
Plainview	126	\$252	\$10	\$262
Rochester	129	\$258	\$10	\$268
Rushford	38	\$76	\$10	\$86
Spring Grove	93	\$186	\$10	\$196
Spring Valley	39	\$78	\$10	\$88
St. Charles	45	\$90	\$10	\$100
Stewartville	163	\$326	\$10	\$336
Wabasha	103	\$206	\$10	\$216
Waldorf	18	\$36	\$10	\$46
Waseca	224	\$448	\$10	\$458
West Concord	28	\$56	\$10	\$66
Whalen	17	\$34	\$10	\$44
Winona	118	\$236	\$10	\$246
Wykoff	<u>16</u>	<u>\$32</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$42</u>
3754	\$7508	\$480	\$7988	

FROM YOUR HONORARY JR AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

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

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

Taylor McElroy—First District Honorary Jr Auxiliary President

SOME INFORMATION ON BELIEVET SERVICE DOGS

OUR PROGRAM

The Need

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

Our Response

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

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

Our Dogs

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

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

Our Facility

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

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

20 **SOME PICTURES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SESSION AT THE DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE.**



The Pledge of Allegiance being recited . First District Honorary President Taylor McElroy on right. (Dept. Secretary page)



SAL Detachment Commander Tim Wear being escorted to the Auxiliary Podium.



First District Color Bearers Sharon Hammon & Cheryl Nymann carrying in the District Colors with President Tonnia Bettermann following



Department American Legion Auxiliary President Patty Colman heading to the podium.



Wanda Prescher of the First District presenting her Department Committee report.at Fall Conference



Nancy Lewison of the First District giving her Department report at Fall Conference

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



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NOT ALL WOUNDS ARE VISIBLE



ABOVE AND TO THE LEFT ARE IMAGES DEPICTING VETERANS DAY

CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

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

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

Question: Why change ALA membership eligibility?

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

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

Q: How can this change help ALA membership?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: We anticipate taking applications on Sept. 1.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THIS IS THE NEW APPLICATION FORM FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. *Membership pending approval of application.*



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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From the SAL Commander

Greeting First District Family,

October and Halloween is now behind us. October was a very busy month. The Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt held at Legionville was a great success. Thank you to those from the Fabulous First who took the time to help make the hunt a memorable one for the hunters. Three deer were harvested, all three tested negative for CWD and have been delivered.

The Department held their Fall Conference in Mahnomen. It was a fun weekend and many areas concerning veterans were addressed. The First District will have their Fall Conference on November 6th in Owatonna. Two guest speakers will be there with some very interesting presentations. Hope to see you there.

Take care of yourselves, family and friends,

Chuck



JUDGE ADVOCATE

HISTORIAN

SGT AT ARMS



DETACHMENT OF MINNESOTA

2022 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Report Date: 10/15/2021

2021 Results as of 6/30/2021	10577
2022 Goal from National	11091
2022 Detachment Goal (3%)	10895
2022 105%	11440
Current at Department as of 10/15/2021	2582
Current Percentage	23.70%

Vice Commanders	2021 Results	2022 Goal	105%	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st and 3rd	3511	3617	3798	845	23.36%	
2nd and 7th	2033	2095	2200	397	18.95%	
4th and 5th	702	724	760.2	177	24.45%	3rd
6th and 9th	2311	2381	2500	639	26.84%	1st
8th and 10th	2016	2078	2182	524	25.22%	2nd
Totals	10573	10895	11440	2582	23.70%	

Districts	2021 Results	2022 Goal	105%	Current at Dept.	Percentage	Placing
1st District	1578	1626	1707	166	10.21%	
2nd District	1196	1232	1294	190	15.42%	
3rd District	1933	1991	2091	679	34.10%	1st
4th District	359	370	388.5	84	22.70%	
5th District	343	354	371.7	93	26.27%	
6th District	1493	1538	1615	422	27.44%	3rd
7th District	837	863	906.2	207	23.99%	
8th District	507	523	549.2	167	31.93%	2nd
9th District	818	843	885.2	217	25.74%	
10th District	1509	1555	1633	357	22.96%	
Totals	10573	10895	11440	2582	23.70%	



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FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

First District ALR members were present at the Department Fall Rally in Mahanomen October 21-23. Kathy Daudistel, National ALA President from Kentucky joined us for all 3 days. She is also a Legion Rider!

One of the main topics at the Rally was membership. Remember to pay your membership for Legion, Auxiliary or SAL. Without this paid membership you are jeopardizing your membership in the Riders. Try to recruit new members to your Post by having applications available during your events.

First District Fall Rally is this Saturday, November 6 in Owatonna. There will not be an ALR meeting. Please note that in the near future Roe, First District ALR Director will be calling a meeting to discuss changes at the National ALR level. Stay tuned for when & where this meeting will be.

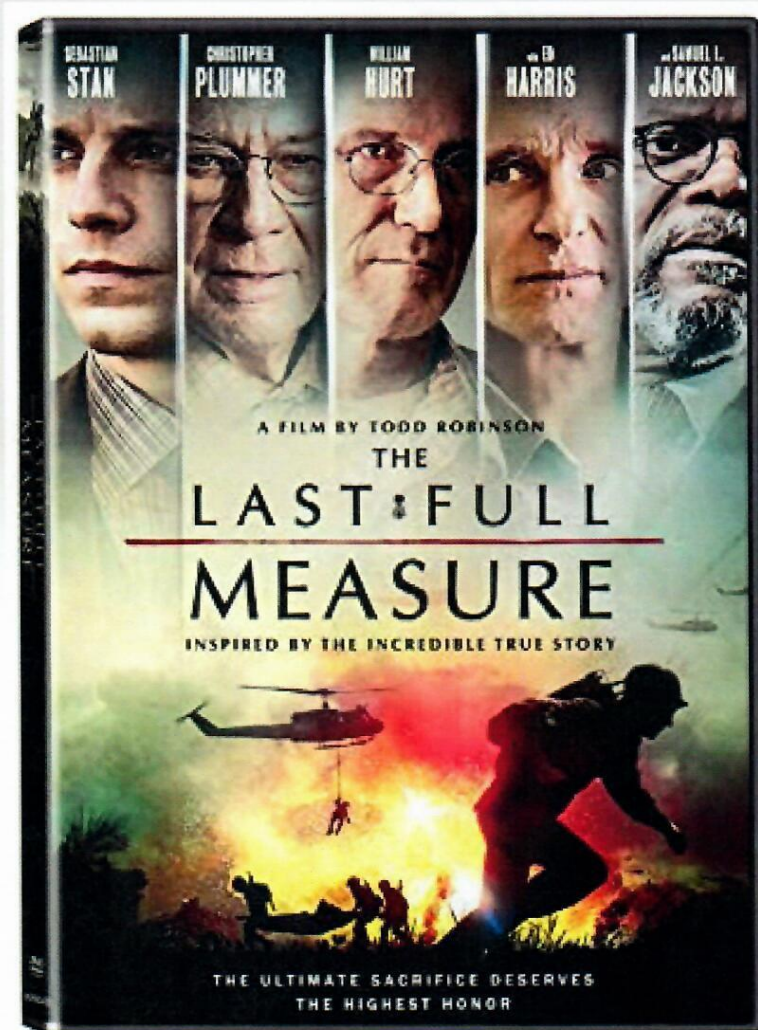
Respectfully Submitted,
 Karla "Sunshine" Miller, Secretary



**Honoring All
 Veterans on
 Veterans Day**

*We thank you for
 your service and
 sacrifices. We are
 forever grateful!*

The Last Full Measure
Friday, Nov 12 at 7 pm
Historic Paramount Theatre



Presented by American Legion SPAM Post 570, American Legion Post 91,
VFW Post 1216, Austin's DAV post 27
and the Mower County Veterans Council

The entire community is invited to attend in honor of Veterans Day.

Admission is free will donation; all proceeds will benefit
local veterans organizations.

Concessions open!



HISTORIC
PARAMOUNT
THEATRE

austinareaarts.org or call (507) 434-0934 for more info

November



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

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



KASSON AMERICAN LEGION EVENTS.
For more details on events follow Kasson American Legion Post 333 on Facebook, call the legion at (507) 634-4353, or refer to the most recent newsletter.

	1 NO BARGO MASON MONDAY MEAL 6 PM	2 TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM	3 BINGO 6:30 pm	4	5 LADIES NIGHT 6-8 PM Music by Kevin Kleist	6 STEAK FRY 5-7 PM Music by Nancy Tobiason-Kramer
7 VIKINGS vs. RAVENS 12 PM	8 FREE BARGO 6:30 PM	9 TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM	10 BINGO 6:30 pm	11 MEMBERS VETERANS DAY MEAL 5-7 PM	12 BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE 5 ³⁰ -7 ³⁰ PM KoMette Dance Team	13 PUZZLE PARTY 1-5 PM
14 VIKINGS vs. CHARGERS 3 PM	15 FREE BARGO 6:30 PM	16 TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM	17 BINGO 6:30 pm	18 POST 333 BOARD MEETING 6 PM OPEN MEETING 7 PM AUXILIARY MEETING 6 PM	19 BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE 5 ³⁰ -7 ³⁰ PM KM FCCLA	20
21 VIKINGS vs. PACKERS 12 PM	22 FREE BARGO 6:30 PM	23 NO TACO TUESDAY	24 NO BINGO	25 CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	26 BLACK FRIDAY	27
28 VIKINGS vs. 49ERS 3 PM POST 333 UnCorked Begins	29 FREE BARGO 6:30 PM	30 TACO TUESDAY 5-7 PM	This month in military history — Men of US 64 th Regiment, 7 th Infantry Division celebrate news of the ARMISTICE, NOVEMBER 11, 1918 			



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
 First Initial Last Date of Birth _____

Address _____
 Street City State ZIP _____

Membership ID# former member _____ Post # _____ Phone # _____ Email _____
 Male Female Gender _____

Please check war era and branch of service below:

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

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

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

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

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DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____
 First Initial Last Initial Last

Address _____
 Street City State ZIP Phone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

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

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

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

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

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DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____

Received from _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ dues

Squadron No. _____

Department of _____



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Unit # and Location _____

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

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

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID# _____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

If Living: American Legion Member ID # _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

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

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

- WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)
- Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):
- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | |

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

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

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____



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Recruiter's name _____

Recruiter's signature _____

Recruiter's phone # _____

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.