



# FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

## DEC 2016

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- December 3, 2016 - Department Pearl Harbor Rally at Waite Park.
- December 11, 2016 - First District Christmas Party, Hayfield Post 330 at 1 pm.
- December 25, 2016—Christmas day, please take time to remember why we celebrate Christmas and remember those who will not make it home for the holidays.
- January 7, 2017—First District Mid-winter and Oratorical Contest. Post 264 in Glenville., 9 am Exec Boards sessions to follow .
- January 21, 2017—1st & 3rd Ice Fishing Contest—Waseca Post 228—10 am for fishing.

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Legion Family,

First thing is be sure and look at the listing of up and coming events. We would love to see everyone there. I hope everyone had extraordinary Thanksgiving gathering. How precious this time of year can be when there is an opportunity for friends and family to gather. Never fail to grasp that opportunity to celebrate with as many as you can and always remember that time.

If you didn't make out Americanism/Membership Rally in Adams not only did you miss the fun but the great chicken and dinner supper. Who would have thought that grown men and women would get involved with a rubber chicken and cow pie tossing contest. What was unfortunate was the lack of kids. Thanks to Membership Director Denny and his wife Nancy for the fun.

Christmas is knocking on our doors. Let us all remember that some are not as fortunate as others. I am sure we all know someone who is shut in, in a nursing home, down on their luck, or have no family. Even though we should be aware all year around it is especially important this time of year. Make someone's day. Even if it just a plate of cookies.

I big thank you goes out to Waseca Post for their invite to their Veterans Day dinner. Everyone has their own program that they do but I have to admit, of the ones that I have been to Waseca has a program that goes beyond just a dinner. The Post everlasting ceremony is second to none. I also had numerous invites from different Posts which was indeed an honor in itself. Thank you to those Posts as well.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May this wonderful time of the year bring joy, peace and love to you and yours.

Sy Fix

Commander



Mike Limberg receiving an award from the 300 Foundation in recognition as a teacher. He is a vice-commander at post 595 in LaCrescent.

### FROM AREA ONE

I hope every one's turkey day was a pleasant one and you didn't get to full. Also by now you're ready for something else besides turkey.

Nov. was a busy month 11/1 went to MN. VAH for a pheasant dinner, 11/4 at Laverne for pheasant dinner, 11/5 at Rochester for membership dinner, 11/12 at my own post membership dinner, 11/14 my post meeting 11/15 St. Charles meeting, 11/16 Plainview meeting, 11/21 Stewartville meeting and on 11/28 will be at Mazeppa for a meeting.

Didn't make it to Adams, had the Spaghetti. feed here @ went very well also the donations were great. (Aprox. \$2,100.00) and is still coming in.

By the membership list that just came out everyone is doing good but also just a little short of quota. My post included, but we have started an all-out push to get it done before Christmas. Matter of fact just called a couple of more this morning. So get on the phone or door to door let's get the last few before winter really sets in. And just maybe at the Pearl Harbor rally or the Dist. Christmas party we can have a few more at the quota mark.

Speaking of the Pearl Harbor Rally, hope as many of you that can make it to the rally, and have a good turn in or have some kind of short or long program for Pearl Harbor Day.

Dist.1, Area 1 Vice Commander Gary Miller

### FROM AREA TWO

A big Thank you to Waseca Post 228 for the invite to their membership supper that was held on Nov. 5th. Also, I would like to thank the Janesville Post 281 for serving an excellent meal. The program, as always, was top notch.

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and spent it with loved ones.

Our 1st District Christmas Party will be held on Dec 11th, at Post 330 in Hayfield. Come one, Come all! It is always a great way to get into the Holiday spirit with the caroling at the nursing home.

With that, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vice Commander,  
Myron Ehrich

### FROM AREA THREE

Greetings from Area Three:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I want to thank all Membership Directors, Commanders and all American Legion members in Area Three. I am a very happy Vice Commander because at the last two rallies we have had, Area Three has come in first place. That shows me that the Membership Directors and the Commanders have been really working to keep our membership up and that makes me happy! It shows what we can accomplish with a little bit of work. Thank you and keep up the good work.

The rallies have added children's activities that will encourage families to attend. I invite families to attend and participate in the fun activities. It was very enjoyable to see everyone having a good time, young and old alike.

At this holiday season, be sure to remember those who are serving in our military and keep them in your prayers daily.

Area Three Vice Commander

Carroll Hill

### FROM AREA FOUR

First of all I want to say that I am very sorry that I missed the rally in Adams as I was sick. I really wanted to make that event. Sounds like a lot of fun was had by everyone.

Area Four is lagging behind in membership so let's get busy and contact those who have not paid yet. We need to Area four back on top.

My wife and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please keep our service men and women in your prayers and God bless the USA.

Rodger German—Area Four Vice Commander

## FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 11/23/2016

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	639	493	3	496	77.62%	143	11/16/2016
90	LEWISTON	78	52	5	57	73.08%	21	11/16/2016
190	ST CHARLES	142	89	31	120	84.51%	22	11/2/2016
<b>WINONA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>859</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>78.35%</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
50	WABASHA	282	194	8	202	71.63%	80	11/23/2016
110	LAKE CITY	153	115	7	122	79.74%	31	11/2/2016
179	PLAINVIEW	205	152	7	159	77.56%	46	11/23/2016
546	KELLOGG	72	59	3	62	86.11%	10	11/23/2016
573	ELGIN	40	26	3	29	72.50%	11	11/9/2016
579	MILLVILLE	136	115	27	142	104.41%	-6	11/2/2016
588	MAZEPPA	78	52	4	56	71.79%	22	9/28/2016
<b>WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>966</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>79.92%</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
92	ROCHESTER	1009	693	70	763	75.62%	246	11/16/2016
119	BYRON	158	90	15	105	66.46%	53	11/2/2016
164	STEWARTVILLE	312	260	3	263	84.29%	49	11/23/2016
446	ROCHESTER	16	13	5	18	112.50%	-2	11/23/2016
551	EYOTA	182	128	18	146	80.22%	36	11/16/2016
<b>OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1677</b>	<b>1184</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>77.22%</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
<b>AREA ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>3502</b>	<b>2531</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>2740</b>	<b>78.24%</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
295	WEST CON-CORD	70	39	6	45	64.29%	25	11/2/2016
330	HAYFIELD	241	171	8	179	74.27%	62	11/2/2016
333	KASSON	277	222	9	231	83.39%	46	11/16/2016
384	DODGE CEN-TER	86	63	7	70	81.40%	16	11/9/2016
422	CLAREMONT	38	27	1	28	73.68%	10	11/16/2016
<b>DODGE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>712</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>77.67%</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	111	92	5	97	87.39%	14	11/16/2016
77	OWATONNA	577	422	19	441	76.43%	136	11/23/2016
296	ELLENDALE	34	1	15	16	47.06%	18	9/14/2016
<b>STEELE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>722</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>76.73%</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
75	NEW RICH-LAND	64	44	6	50	78.13%	14	11/2/2016
228	WASECA	353	266	1	267	75.64%	86	11/16/2016
281	JANESVILLE	105	84	4	88	83.81%	17	11/23/2016
587	WALDORF	29	18	4	22	75.86%	7	11/23/2016
<b>WASECA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>551</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>77.50%</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
<b>AREA TWO TOTALS</b>		<b>1985</b>	<b>1449</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1534</b>	<b>77.28%</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>

40	LANESBORO	105	94	1	95	90.48%	10	11/23/2016
68	SPRING VALLEY	84	78	4	82	97.62%	2	11/2/2016
81	HARMONY	33	26	1	27	81.82%	6	11/16/2016
94	RUSHFORD	133	108	11	119	89.47%	14	11/23/2016
166	PRESTON	77	64	3	67	87.01%	10	11/2/2016
197	CHATFIELD	52	45	1	46	88.46%	6	11/16/2016
299	MABEL	193	134	5	139	72.02%	54	11/2/2016
369	WYKOFF	21	1	1	2	9.52%	19	9/14/2016
400	CANTON	17	1	1	2	11.76%	15	9/14/2016
492	FOUNTAIN	18	1	11	12	66.67%	6	8/17/2016
526	PETERSON	36	23	8	31	86.11%	5	11/2/2016
544	OSTRANDER	28	23	2	25	89.29%	3	11/2/2016
637	WHALEN	17	13	2	15	88.24%	2	11/23/2016
<b>FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>814</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>81.33%</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
191	CALEDONIA	174	142	8	150	86.21%	24	11/16/2016
249	SPRING GROVE	166	98	35	133	80.12%	33	11/16/2016
423	HOUSTON	115	89	2	91	79.13%	24	11/16/2016
498	HOKAH	22	12	2	14	63.64%	8	9/14/2016
595	LA CRESCENT	346	257	2	259	74.86%	87	11/16/2016
<b>HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>823</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>78.61%</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
<b>AREA THREE TOTALS</b>		<b>1637</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1309</b>	<b>79.96%</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
56	ALBERT LEA	741	528	22	550	74.22%	191	11/9/2016
264	GLENVILLE	88	63	5	68	77.27%	20	11/23/2016
266	HARTLAND	19	14	1	15	78.95%	4	9/14/2016
317	EMMONS	76	61	4	65	85.53%	11	11/16/2016
404	ALDEN	108	66	17	83	76.85%	25	11/16/2016
552	FREEBORN	40	31	2	33	82.50%	7	10/12/2016
<b>FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1072</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>75.93%</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
91	AUSTIN	678	487	16	503	74.19%	175	11/23/2016
105	LYLE	92	55	13	68	73.91%	24	11/23/2016
140	GRAND MEADOW	50	42	5	47	94.00%	3	11/16/2016
146	ADAMS	217	160	17	177	81.57%	40	11/16/2016
161	LEROY	74	40	3	43	58.11%	31	11/2/2016
570	AUSTIN SPAM	6	1	0	1	16.67%	5	7/23/2016
<b>MOWER COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1117</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>75.11%</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
<b>AREA FOUR TOTALS</b>		<b>2189</b>	<b>1548</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1653</b>	<b>75.51%</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>
1111	DAKOTA	67	0	0	0	0.00%	32	7/23/2016
<b>DISTRICT ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>9380</b>	<b>6737</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>7236</b>	<b>77.14%</b>	<b>2144</b>	<b>11/23/2016</b>

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AREA FOUR		2189	1548	105	1653	75.51%	536	11/23/2016

**!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! IMPORTANT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The 1<sup>st</sup> District is planning a revitalization on Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Rochester. We will be covering the entire county and maybe a little beyond. If anybody is available to help we would greatly appreciate it. We are also hoping to have a Service Officer there for a few hours for to help with any questions that someone may have if they come in to the Post.



Millville Valley American Legion Post #579 Veterans Day Observance held on November 11, 2016. Commander Gary Balcome presented Jim Kellogg, Past American Legion Department of Minnesota Commander with a 1968 Charger (that was American Legion Blue). Jim's reaction was priceless!!

**FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

The First District newsletter can be found on these post web sites. Please go to them and have a look. It not only will give you access to the newsletter but also to the events happening at each of these posts. They are as follows:

First District Website at [mnmightyfirst.org](http://mnmightyfirst.org)

Albert Lea Post 56 at [americanlegionpost56.com](http://americanlegionpost56.com)

Austin Post 91 at [austinpost91.com](http://austinpost91.com)

Rochester Post 92 at [post92.org](http://post92.org)

Winona Post 9 at [americalegionwinona.org](http://americalegionwinona.org) (click on windjammer tab)

First District Facebook page at [mnfirstdistrict](https://www.facebook.com/mnfirstdistrict)

## Chaplains Corner

December 2016

From Isaiah- They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

This time of year, while full of joy, is also full of angst and sadness for many. Take a moment to help those less fortunate than yourselves as we talk of the words in our preamble of the American Legion "To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness." We take care of our own, and others as well, that's a big part of what we are about. From the TFA program, to Commander Milton's project of helping with MACV, and OCW, we are a veteran service organization, and we serve, it is not about me.

Since God sent his son to be born, live the perfect life, and be crucified paying the price for all of our sins, how can we act, but out of a true sense of brotherhood and comradeship. Who knows, maybe the simple act of a kind word, or gesture or deed will be enough to help someone through the holiday season. Check on your buddies, brothers, sisters, one is too many, and to those of you that are down, reach out.

beseech you in this joyous season and always to look with favor and compassion on all your children, and that those suffering might find relief in your loving and caring arms." In Jesus' name, amen.

Also finally, let us always remember our comrades in uniform wherever they may be, both overseas and at home. It is our unity and devotion to each other that makes us strong. We keep up the good fight for our American Legion family. God bless,

Until next year,

Ralph Schneekloth



## FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Congratulations to Area Three Vice Cmdr., Carroll Hill for receiving the Golden Boot Award at the rally in Adams on November 19th.

Congratulations to Millville Post #579 and Rochester Post #446 for attaining goal.

There is a Post revitalization being planned at the Rochester Post #92 on January 13, 14 & 15, 2017 More information will be coming soon.

Nancy & I wish all of you a Happy Holiday season.

Membership Director,

Dennis Lewison



Winning form for the chicken throw at Adams Rally



Members present at Adams Rally



Head table at Adams Rally



Members present at the Adams Rally

# FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

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### UP COMING EVENTS AT FREEBORN POST 552

Gilmore-Stensrud Post #552 in Freeborn MN

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December 4th at the Freeborn Legion Hall:  
3:00 Santa visits/ 4:30 Hospice tree lighting ceremony/5:00 Pot-luck/6:00 Bingo Party

February 18th at the Freeborn Legion Hall  
Soup N' Pie/Dessert serving 4:00 to 6:00

## FROM YOUR CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN

Children and Youth:

Are there young children of a Veteran (s) in your community?

Could we find a way to help them this coming Christmas season? Clothing, gifts or what that family might be in need of.

Collect money in your club from all members and/or the Auxiliary do a monetary donation to become a Secret Santa! Your thoughtfulness will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way in helping that family this Holiday Season!

Merry Christmas

Wanda Prescher

Children and Youth



Attending and speaking at the Kellogg American Legion Veterans Day dinner were Department of Minnesota American Legion Historian/ First District Chaplain Ralph Schneekloth and District 1 Auxiliary First Vice President Cheryl Nymann (filling in for District 1 Auxiliary President Cindy Nelson).

### Stewartville Unit 164

We have 5 -100 cup Coffee Pots we no longer use.

If any club would be interested in wanting one, please Call Wanda Prescher at 507-280-4027 or

Email- [w.prescher@kmwb.net](mailto:w.prescher@kmwb.net)

**!!!!!!!!!!!!!! PLEASE READ !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**The 1st District Junior conference will be on Saturday March 25, 2017, we are needing a unit to host this event. Because of a scheduling issue last year and there being so few units with Junior members plus a change in the Junior standing rules. Any unit wishing to host the conference is asked to contact:**

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Hello District 1 !!

I'm hoping that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!! I also send the very best to all Units through the busy Christmas Season. Many Units will be having Christmas parties, a great time to collect those membership dues. Enlist the assistance of other members of your Unit to ask for help recruiting new members, and renewals from others. They is strength in numbers!! Let's continue to keep turning in those memberships!!

We are moving up the rankings for membership turn in!! Yaye!! We are currently ranked 7<sup>th</sup> within the other district for membership turn-ins. Our turn in percentage for 1<sup>st</sup> district is currently at 66.14%; it's actually down by just over 200 from this time last year. Currently, the leading district has membership in at over 70%.

Remember, send your membership in at any time!! You don't have to wait until the District or Rally meetings to do so. Send them straight to Department.

Wishing your and your families the brightest and most blessed Christmas season and New Year!

Cheryl Nymann,

District 1st VP / Membership Chairman

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From Your Sal Commander

Happy holidays to everyone and may everyone have safe travels.



### IMPORTANT LEGIONVILLE DATES

Dates to put in calendars.

CAMP-O-REE - September 7, 8, 9, 10, 2017  
LEGION RIDERS ROMP - September 14, 15, 16, 17, 2017  
SAL DEER HUNT - September 28, 29, 30, 2017

Thanks – Wayne Gilbertson

### SQUADRON 92, ROCHESTER, MN MONTHLY EVENT

SAL Fish and Chicken Dinner.

The Third Friday of each month - September thru May.

At the Legion Post 92 Club in Rochester.

\$11.00 for all you can eat.

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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### First District ALR Director comments

Since we are not having a First District ALR party this year, the Austin ALR has graciously invited us to join them at their Christmas Party. Here are the details if you are interested in attending.

Austin American Legion Post  
Saturday, December 17th.  
Social Hour 5-6pm  
Meal at 6pm  
Cost \$10.00

Porcupine meatballs, mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert.  
Music, Singing and Dancing to follow the meal.  
Please RSVP by calling or texting Roe Naylor at [507-438-5804](tel:507-438-5804).

There is also a First District American Legion Family Christmas party on Sunday, Dec 11th 1pm at the Hayfield American Legion.  
Happy Holidays to all!



# ADAMS AMERICAN LEGION POST 146 Chicken, Pork, Fish & Steak Fry Schedule



Serving 5:30-8:00 p.m.  
(507) 582-3266



## 2016 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Pork Fry .....	September 3
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	September 17
Chicken & Pork Fry - Auxiliary .....	October 1
Southland Sportsman Steak Fry .....	October 8
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	October 15
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	November 5
Steak Fry - Knights of Columbus, Dance.....	November 12
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	November 19
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	December 3
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	December 17
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	December 31

## 2017 SCHEDULE

Chicken & Pork Fry.....	January 7
Steak Fry - Sons of American Legion .....	January 14
Chicken & Pork Fry.....	January 21
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	February 4
Chicken & Pork Fry.....	February 18
Fish Fry .....	March 3
Sportsman Steak Fry .....	March 11
Fish Fry - Auxiliary .....	March 17
Fish Fry .....	March 24
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	April 1
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	April 15
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	May 6
Chicken & Pork Fry .....	May 20
Steak Fry - Dairy Days .....	June 10
Chicken & Pork Fry - Dairy Days.....	June 11

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA  
"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"**

With over 80,000 members, the Minnesota American Legion is the largest service organization in the state. There are 550 Posts in over 520 communities throughout Minnesota. In Minnesota, American Legion Posts have an impact of millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours in making our hometowns better places to live. Legionnaires are proud of their service and are proud to be "Still Serving America."

**Referral Card**

This card is a tool to use to help recruit new members. Who do you know that is a veteran, (or still serving) that would be interested in joining The American Legion Family? Ask the prospect how The American Legion can help him/her and if they would like more information, point them in the right direction. First impressions are very much determiners if they will come back.

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Address, or POC \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell, Home, Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Minnesota American Legion Department PR Committee 2016



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- I. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
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- III. Americanism
- IV. Children and Youth



**The Forte Milers Barbershop Chorus &  
The Adams American Legion Auxiliary  
present**

***CHRISTMAS CABERNET  
CONCERT***

**Sunday December 11 – 3:00 p.m.  
Adams American Legion**

- 2:00 p.m. – Wine Available, Cheese & Crackers
- 3:00 p.m. – Forte Milers Christmas Chorus Concert
- 4:00 p.m. – Desserts & Coffee

**Free Will Donations**

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NALPA encourages the exchange of ideas; promotes the development of local newsletters and public relations activities; strives to communicate the corporate goals of The American Legion Family organizations and recognizes achievement through an annual newsletter and newspaper awards program. NALPA has been working to facilitate this communication at all levels of The American Legion Family for more than 90 years.

Today, the fastest growing posts, units, and squadrons within The American Legion Family all have successful newsletters and/or other media to communicate with their members. Leaders within The American Legion Family today recognize and accept the fact that the majority of the members never make it to the post home. A newsletter (whether digital or print) is the best, most cost-effective tool to keep non-active members informed. By keeping them informed you never know when an activity will spark their interest and you will suddenly have a more active member.

Members of NALPA also receive a quarterly newsletter as a member benefit.

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**Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Membership #**

**Department/Post/Detachment**

**I AM A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING:**

The American Legion

American Legion Auxiliary

Sons of The American Legion

**THIS IS FOR:**

New Membership: \$15

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**PLEASE ENTER Membership Year: 20** \_\_\_\_\_

The NALPA membership year is from September 1 through August 31

President Cindy's article was accidentally omitted from the December newsletter so here is her article:

Greetings from President Cindy

Greetings to all!

December---where has the year gone?

Remember to read the newsletter for all of the happenings. Please read Commander Cy's message along with the important dates.

It is very important to mark January 7, 2017, on your calendar. We hope you will attend our First District mid-winter in Glenville. This year will be very special as we will also be hosting the oratorical contest for our participants from the first district. If you want to see some competition and see some of our brightest younger generation compete---come see these youth in action! It is a great event and we learn from it as well as they speak to the "Constitution" of our United States.

Most importantly, mid-winter is a time when we hear more about the programs our American Legion Auxiliary supports. We, (the district chairman); will give updates on any new things happening within the program.

We get tired about hearing "membership—" Won't you please make a special attempt to do some door knocking, telephoning, coffee hour, or whatever it takes to help first district--- meaning ALL UNITS—to get the membership in now. Membership is everyone's job! Don't just put it on the shoulders of your membership person. Put a team together! Work together! Our Auxiliary year started August 1. We soon will be delinquent if your dues are not paid by (January 2017). Dues can also be presented as Christmas gifts.

We just heard from our Department membership chairman Zandra. We are lagging behind last year! I must ask why??? Let's promote some pride and get first district back on top and not in 8, 9, or 10<sup>th</sup> place!

Now that this has been said, I must thank all units that have invited me to visit, and hope some will extend another invite. You---the member and Unit are the "grassroots" to this organization! I want to **wish each and all of you a "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!"**

**May God Bless each of you and God Bless our beautiful country,  
America!**

Hope Santa brings you everything you want!!

President Cindy

Also a sentence was omitted from the Chaplain's article and his article should have been like this:

Chaplains  
Corner

December 2016

From Isaiah- They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

This time of year, while full of joy, is also full of angst and sadness for many. Take a moment to help those less fortunate than yourselves as we talk of the words in our preamble of the American Legion "To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness." We take care of our own, and others as well, that's a big part of what we are about. From the TFA program, to Commander Milton's project of helping with MACV, and OCW, we are a veterans service organization, and we serve, it is not about me.

Since God sent his son to be born, live the perfect life, and be crucified paying the price for all of our sins, how can we act, but out of a true sense of brotherhood and comradeship. Who knows, maybe the simple act of a kind word, or gesture or deed will be enough to help someone through the holiday season. Check on your buddies, brothers, sisters, one is too many, and to those of you that are down, reach out.

Let us offer a prayer for those suffering from physical and or mental infirmity. "Heavenly Father, we beseech you in this joyous season and always to look with favor and compassion on all your children, and that those suffering might find relief in your loving and caring arms." In Jesus' name, amen.

Also finally, let us always remember our comrades in uniform wherever they may be, both overseas and at home. It is our unity and devotion to each other that makes us strong. We keep up the good fight for our American Legion family. God bless,

Until next year,

Ralph Schneekloth

Minnesota First District Chaplain