



## FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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*and Happy New Year !*

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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.

December 25, 2019 - Christmas, remember the reason for the season and keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

## FROM THE COMMANDER'S PEN

Greetings American Legion First District Family.

Thanksgiving day a great day to take time to look and reflect on all the freedoms we have and all the things to be thankful for way back to the pilgrims and all the sacrifices it took to get and preserve these things. Freedom, family, friends, religion, and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Veterans day and all the programs in the schools, assisted living Centers, nursing homes, Legion halls, churches, community centers, the dedication of veterans memorials, and membership dinners, and meetings, programs, and community service projects. Working at the food shelves and helping the families of the deployed.

To find some of the needy and deployed check with the county veterans service officer and other veterans organizations.

The revitalization in Winona and area was successful, many calls were made and contacts and transfers were made ideas were shared.

December is the next month to help and share with the less fortunate and the deployed and their families that are protecting our Freedoms.

December 7, is the Pearl Harbor rally in the Rosetown Legion.

December 15 is the District Christmas party at the Mabel Legion Post at 1:00. Bring food for the food shelf. everyone is invited.

January 4, 2020 is the midwinter rally in Stewartville which is the day of the District oratorical contest. We also have district reports from committee chairman, if you can't make it please get a written report to me or Wayne to be read. We also have a district E-board meeting that morning at 9:00. Notices will be sent out for this meeting.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas and help the needy.

Pray for the safe return of all the deployed that are protecting our Freedoms and will not be able to be with family this year at Christmas.

**GOD BLESS EVERYONE.**

For God and country.

First District Commander – Dale Wellik

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

Greetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> District Family!

As I look out my kitchen window on this Thanksgiving Day I see a winter wonderland. I hope all our farmer members got their harvest completed. I know we did—just in time! I can't say as much for the yard work, though. Harvest was kind of a joy and some days not so much. I don't know of a day that went by where we didn't have a machinery break-down, although nothing major, but always something. Some years are like that, but God, in his grace and mercy allowed us to finish up just in time.

Today, Thanksgiving Day, we'll spend time with family and friends, eating and relaxing, and remembering how much we, as Americans, have to be thankful for--freedoms we enjoy that not every country enjoys. We Americans have been blessed. I believe it's only because God blessed this nation from its beginning. His hand was upon our Founding Fathers as they created the fundamental groundwork upon which the United States of America was created. Let us take time to thank him daily for what we have. Also remember our service personnel who are not with us.

With the snow on the ground, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, as the old song goes. This time of year it seems like we go from one holiday to the next. Thanksgiving is nice, but my favorite is Christmas. Not only do I enjoy watching the little ones open presents, but I also like to reflect on the true meaning of the season.....how a child was born in a lowly stable and shepherds and kings came to see the miracle that had happened.....how this baby boy was born to become the Savior of the world, born to save us from our sins, and born to bring us new life. I see that as the true meaning of Christmas, and I'm sure many of you do, also. The tree, presents, lights and decorations are nice, but it's not what Christmas is all about. It's about God sending His only Son to bring salvation so all would have the opportunity to accept him as Lord and Savior, and for that I am truly thankful.

My prayer for you is that you have a blessed and Merry Christmas season with family and friends, for He is the Reason for the Season and remember that every family needs a "Stable" foundation.

And to members who celebrate in other faith traditions, may you sense that God is near, as well. To our Jewish members, Happy Hanukkah! For those of African descent, Happy Kwanza! And for all others, God's love is for you, too; He sent his Son so that we all have the opportunity to share in eternal life together.

Until Next Time,

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



## FROM AREA ONE

Happy Holidays to Area One.

Hope that all are safe and are having a great holiday season so far.

Just a few quick thoughts, I am asking you for ideas on how to bring attendance up at our district rallies. We have a lot of new things planned for this next year. We are changing to keep up with the changing needs of our members. Post Commanders, please ask your members what we can do to make our posts and meetings interesting so they will attend.

Second we are having the County Commanders work with the post throughout the year so that we have an up to date 1982 list.

As we are getting into the holiday season remember we have members of our legion family that will have loved ones deployed. Let's give a helping hand to the member's families who are at home and having to deal with the everyday chores, snow removal and repairs.

If would like to help, the Eyota Legion Riders and a veterans service officer, are collecting needed things for the troops to send care packages. Remember that if we help the families here it eases the worries of those deployed.

Remember the American Legion is only as good as our members. For an American Legion to strive we need to be flexible and open to new ideas. (CONTINUED IN LOWER RIGHT)

## FROM AREA FOUR

Greetings to the American Legion Family, Well, here we are in December already. Where did the year go? In the spirit of the Christmas season, please reach out to those less fortunate and offer a helping hand and make their season brighter.

I was out of commission on Veterans Day. I hope many of you were able to take in one of the many celebrations in our area. We need to keep our veterans in mind all year long, not just one day in November. On November 25th the Mower County Veterans Council packed 60 baskets for veterans who were in need in our area. What a wonderful outreach program for Thanksgiving. December 7th is the Department Pearl Harbor Rally at the Rosetown Post in Roseville. A number of people from the 1st District are planning on attending. The 1st District Christmas Party will be held on December 15th at 1:00 in Mabel. Everyone is invited, bring the kids and grandkids. We will be caroling and then back to the post for chili and sandwiches. Activities for the younger kids provided by the Auxiliary. In the spirit of giving, please bring shelf stable items to donate to the Mabel food shelf.

The 1st District Mid-Winter will be held on January 4th in Stewartville at 11:00 a.m. If you have a report due and will not be able to attend, make sure it is turned in ahead of time.

Have a Blessed Christmas,  
Mary Hanson  
Are 4 Vice Commander.

## FROM AREA TWO

For the first time as I pondered the month of November I find myself thinking about how Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day ended up in the same month. So I started my search which took me back to 1863 when then President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November Thanksgiving Day. I found his proclamation and thought I'd drop in a paragraph of it. "I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the imposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the divine purpose, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union."

Veterans Day is a solemn and thoughtful time where we give thanks to all of those that have served in America's military forces. A day where we can hopefully take a brief respite from our partisan bickering to pay homage to those that made it all possible. As I continue my search to connect President Lincoln to Veterans day, I found a Story of the Battle of Levite Gulf, the largest navel battle in history. The Japanese were intent making one last large effort to stop the US and Australian forces from cutting them off from the natural resources of Southeast Asia. If they could strike a decisive blow, the Japanese war machine could continue.

Part of the Japanese's strategy was to feint a small force to the north of the Philippines and draw Admiral Halsey's forces into a vulnerable position.

Syl was on a destroyer when the main Japanese force came through the Leyte Gulf, catching the US forces by surprise. When this small token fleet radioed Halsey for help, the response was that they were on their own. These ships knew that they were hopelessly out-classed and that they had to stand and fight. Syl was in the destroyer's ready room when this information was related. They were all talking about what they could possibly do when the messenger from the radio room said, "I don't know about you but I'm gonna get down on my knees and pray."

So a number of men on one side of the room did get down on their knees and start praying. A Japanese shell came through the side of the ship, into the ready room, just over the heads

## FROM AREA THREE

Area Three vice Commander

Wow, I can't believe that it is already December. Our upcoming American Legion family Christmas party is on December 15th at 1:00 p.m. at POST 299 in Mabel, MN....hope to see everyone there!

Lunch will be served and I promise there will be NO road kill!!!

Congratulations to Caledonia and Blooming Prairie for a great year of football, we are hoping to see these teams in our Legion baseball program this coming year. In addition, I'd like to thank Hokah Post 498 for a great job done on their memorial service; it was a great turn out. Post 498 paid tribute to military service honor and remembrance by carving out sacred space in their community to ensure that the price paid for freedom is not lost to future generations.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, enjoy your time with family and friends.

Cheers, Jim Westby

## AREA TWO CONTINUED

of those on their knees and praying. It did not explode. If it had exploded, everyone in that part of the ship would have been killed. If those sailors on that side of the room had not gotten down on their knees, the impact of the shell would have killed them.

That small task force of ships ended up attacking the Japanese fleet so ferociously that it was thrown into confusion and halted its advance. Ultimately the US forces prevailed and the Japanese fleet was never able to mount another offensive attack again. Just reading stories about both events one can come up with many connections. The one that stands out most for me is all the Prayers and Thanksgiving that so many have given and continue to give to the Almighty God.

Let us all Give Thanks to the Almighty on this Thanksgiving Day!

Mike Parry, Vice Commander  
Area Two

## AREA ONE CONTINUED

new ideas. If we do not we will fail as an American Legion and let down the rest of the veterans and their families.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Area One Vice Commander  
Mark A. Maloney IIII

# ATTENTION ALL LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS



## Pre Rally Dedication

The Department of Minnesota is gathering at Peavey Plaza, Minneapolis, December 7, 2019, 10:00am to dedicate a permanent Memorial Plaque. Thirty-minute ceremony, done by 10:30am. Formal recognition of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> National Conventions held in The City of Minneapolis.

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*Peavey Plaza is an easy drive from Rosetown Post, so local, as well as out-state, Legion Family Members attending the Pearl Harbor Membership Rally can easily attend both events.  
 A nice crowd would be a terrific statement for The American Legion.*



Directly across the street from Caribou Coffee and Brit's Pub!  
 Set your GPS, or Maps to: 1110 Nicollet Mall.

Come on down early and enjoy their warm, indoor hospitality!

## FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 11/26/2019

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREV.	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	Date
9	WINONA	546	416	13	429	78.57%	117	11/26/2019
90	LEWISTON	71	57	4	61	85.92%	10	11/13/2019
190	ST CHARLES	141	104	7	111	78.72%	30	11/13/2019
<b>WINONA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>758</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>79.29%</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>
50	WABASHA	213	168	18	186	87.32%	27	11/26/2019
110	LAKE CITY	148	117	1	118	79.73%	30	11/26/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	171	127	5	132	77.19%	39	11/26/2019
546	KELLOGG	64	51	8	59	92.19%	5	11/20/2019
573	ELGIN	28	20	2	22	78.57%	6	11/13/2019
579	MILLVILLE	146	167	2	169	115.75%	-23	11/20/2019
588	MAZEPPA	75	59	6	65	86.67%	10	11/20/2019
<b>WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>845</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>88.88%</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>
92	ROCHESTER	887	726	19	745	83.99%	142	11/26/2019
119	BYRON	140	86	1	87	62.14%	53	10/16/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	292	244	2	246	84.25%	46	11/26/2019
446	ROCHESTER	15	8	1	9	60.00%	6	10/16/2019
551	EYOTA	185	137	14	151	81.62%	34	11/26/2019
<b>OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1519</b>	<b>1201</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1238</b>	<b>81.50%</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>
<b>AREA ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>3122</b>	<b>2487</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2590</b>	<b>82.96%</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>
295	WEST CONCORD	61	43	5	48	78.69%	13	10/30/2019
330	HAYFIELD	202	164	9	173	85.64%	29	11/26/2019
333	KASSON	260	204	22	226	86.92%	34	11/20/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	77	60	7	67	87.01%	10	11/26/2019
422	CLAREMONT	30	24	1	25	83.33%	5	11/13/2019
<b>DODGE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>630</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>85.56%</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	104	86	2	88	84.62%	16	11/26/2019
77	OWATONNA	468	328	3	331	70.73%	137	11/20/2019
296	ELLENDALE	35	23	6	29	82.86%	6	10/30/2019
<b>STEELE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>607</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>73.81%</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>
75	NEW RICHLAND	55	35	2	37	67.27%	18	10/30/2019
228	WASECA	319	243	1	244	76.49%	75	11/20/2019
281	JANESVILLE	93	81	1	82	88.17%	11	11/20/2019
587	WALDORF	26	10	7	17	65.38%	9	10/2/2019
<b>WASECA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>493</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>77.08%</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>
<b>AREA TWO TOTALS</b>		<b>1730</b>	<b>1301</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>79.02%</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>

6	40	LANESBORO	107	93	4	97	90.65%	10	11/6/2019
	68	SPRING VALLEY	77	62	5	67	87.01%	10	11/20/2019
	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	44	1	45	90.00%	5	11/20/2019
	299	MABEL	159	114	23	137	86.16%	22	11/6/2019
	369	WYKOFF	18	12	4	16	88.89%	2	9/13/2019
	400	CANTON	14	6	9	15	107.14%	-1	11/20/2019
	492	FOUNTAIN	15	1	9	10	66.67%	5	9/18/2019
	526	PETERSON	38	30	1	31	81.58%	7	11/26/2019
	544	OSTRANDER	23	18	2	20	86.96%	3	10/9/2019
	637	WHALEN	14	6	1	7	50.00%	7	11/26/2019
	<b>FILLMORE COUNTY TO-TALS</b>			734	532	69	601	81.88%	133
191	CALEDONIA	157	131	6	137	87.26%	20	11/20/2019	
249	SPRING GROVE	160	102	17	119	74.38%	41	11/20/2019	
423	HOUSTON	109	89	1	90	82.57%	19	11/26/2019	
498	HOKAH	21	16	1	17	80.95%	4	11/26/2019	
595	LA CRESCENT	290	208	20	228	78.62%	62	11/20/2019	
<b>HOUSTON COUNTY TO-TALS</b>			737	546	45	591	80.19%	146	11/26/2019
<b>AREA THREE TOTALS</b>			1471	1078	114	1192	81.03%	279	11/26/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	576	458	4	462	80.21%	114	11/26/2019	
264	GLENVILLE	79	52	7	59	74.68%	20	11/20/2019	
266	HARTLAND	16	12	1	13	81.25%	3	11/26/2019	
317	EMMONS	58	45	6	51	87.93%	7	11/20/2019	
404	ALDEN	114	80	11	91	79.82%	23	11/26/2019	
552	FREEBORN	34	20	7	27	79.41%	7	9/18/2019	
<b>FREEBORN COUNTY TO-TALS</b>			877	667	36	703	80.16%	174	11/26/2019
91	AUSTIN	500	394	10	404	80.80%	96	11/26/2019	
105	LYLE	87	47	26	73	83.91%	14	11/20/2019	
140	GRAND MEADOW	45	33	1	34	75.56%	11	11/20/2019	
146	ADAMS	188	134	1	135	71.81%	53	11/6/2019	
161	LEROY	51	43	1	44	86.27%	7	11/6/2019	
570	AUSTIN SPAM	8	10	1	11	137.50%	-3	10/16/2019	
<b>MOWER COUNTY TO-TALS</b>			879	661	40	701	79.75%	178	11/26/2019
<b>AREA FOUR TOTALS</b>			1756	1328	76	1404	79.95%	352	11/26/2019
1111	DAKOTA	70	0	0	0	0.00%	70	8/1/2018	
<b>DISTRICT ONE TOTALS</b>			8149	6194	1611	6553	80.41%	1596	11/26/2019

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AREA TWO		1730	1301	66	1367	79.02%	363	11/26/2019
AREA THREE		1471	1078	114	1192	81.03%	279	11/26/2019
AREA FOUR		1756	1328	76	1404	79.95%	352	11/26/2019

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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 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 AUXILIARY NEWS



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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends! November was a busy month for our Auxiliary. Veterans Day events, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, Education week. I would like to thank Kellogg, Leroy, Hayfield, Glenville and Adams Units and members for their generous hospitality!

I've been asked about the size of the Patriotic Quilt, it is 64X80. Thank you to everyone for helping sell the Raffle Tickets for the Veteran's Project. I greatly appreciate your support!

Chairs need to send to their District Chairs a short recap on what has been done May-November in the Units. The deadline is December 7<sup>th</sup>. The District Chairs need to have their reports to Department around December 10<sup>th</sup>. Keep it short, just highlight the best things you have done. If the Unit President wants to do an overall report, please send to me and I will get to the individual Chairs. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Remember the Christmas Party in Mabel: Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Weather permitting, we will be Caroling early. The club will be serving Chili and Sandwiches, you can bring something to share if you like. Everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the area Food Shelf. A great Christmas gift we can give to help those less fortunate.

Mid-Winter Rally will be held in Stewartville on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The Auxiliary has a Silent Auction Fundraiser to raise funds for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. If you are hopefully planning on attending, I hope you will bring an item to help us!

I would like to wish everyone the Merriest of Christmas's with family and friends! Remember our Military and their families and pray for those in harm's way.

President Wanda

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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

The First District is growing towards our goal. I have learned that working together as a family will help us grow even more successful. I prefer the positive approach to the American Legion Family: Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and Legion Riders. Negativity produces only negative results. Be positive every chance you get. Here are some suggestions on how to grow your unit:

Participate at every opportunity and voice your opinion.

Accept an office and offer advice on how things should be done.

Attend meetings and submit new ideas. Members are anxious to hear them.

Volunteering is a cost free way to help your community and organization grow.

This will help your unit grow. Let everyone know the marvelous things that have been done and say thank you to all who helped.

Thank you to all units for your hard work this month.

**“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.” – Helen Keller**

Tonia Bettermann-Membership

## 1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership

As of November 26, 2019

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	32		32	60.38%	21
50	Wabasha	113	93		93	82.30%	20
110	Lake City	72	48		48	66.67%	24
179	Plainview	139	99		99	71.22%	40
546	Kellogg	124	80		80	64.52%	44
573	Elgin	18	2		2	11.11%	16
579	Millville	53	34		34	64.15%	19
588	Mazeppa	37	21		21	56.76%	16
92	Rochester	135	100		100	74.07%	35
119	Byron	75	17		17	22.67%	58
164	Stewartville	173	156		156	90.17%	17
551	Eyota	100	53		53	53.00%	47
Pod One Total		1266	851	0	851	67.22%	415

40	Lanesboro	103	11		11	10.68%	92
68	Spring Valley	42	36		36	85.71%	6
81	Harmony	53	1		1	1.89%	52
94	Rushford	55	25		25	45.45%	30
197	Chatfield	32	29		29	90.63%	3
299	Mabel	123	74		74	60.16%	49
369	Wykoff	17	16		16	94.12%	1
526	Peterson	43	44		44	102.33%	-1
Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
544	Ostrander	15	9		9	60.00%	6
637	Whalan	22	17		17	77.27%	5
191	Caledonia	75	72		72	96.00%	3
249	Spring Grove	122	91		91	74.59%	31
423	Houston	138	115		115	83.33%	23
498	Hokah	18	17		17	94.44%	1
595	La Crescent	181	128		128	70.72%	53
<b>Pod Three Totals</b>		<b>1039</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>65.93%</b>	<b>354</b>
56	Albert Lea	289	242		242	83.74%	47
264	Glenville	87	71		71	81.61%	16
404	Alden	37	30		30	81.08%	7
552	Freeborn	61	58		58	95.08%	3
91	Austin	128	108		108	84.38%	20
105	Lyle	56	27		27	48.21%	29
140	Grand Meadow	63	47		47	74.60%	16
146	Adams	132	112		112	84.85%	20
161	Leroy	46	30		30	65.22%	16
<b>Pod Four Totals</b>		<b>899</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>80.65%</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>4177</b>	<b>2983</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2983</b>	<b>71.41%</b>	<b>119</b>
							<b>4</b>

**\*Note:**

Orange Highlight = 11% - 50%

Red Highlight = 0% - 10%

## ATTENTION ALL

Please bring items for the silent auction for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund that will be at The First District Mid-Winter in Stewartville on January 4, 2020.

Thank You

Lynette Wolff—The Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chair Person.



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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



# 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.)	
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.*

## **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:

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

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Jr. Dues</u>	<u>Total Members</u>
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>21</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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## Greeting SAL Members

Hoping everyone had a great Thanksgiving and was able to spend some time with family. With Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> being Pearl Harbor day we should all hold a moment of silence for all the souls we lost that day and in the battles that followed. To be attacked on home soil certainly was a shock to all. Thanks to the bravery and diligence of our military we won this war, however we should never forget the battle.

With Thanksgiving past us another important time of the year is Christmas. We need to ensure we don't forget about our troops that are currently serving and away from their families. We also have all those Veterans at home we should also keep in mind. Please do what you can to help those Veterans without family or who might otherwise be alone on the holidays.

As of November we still have several Squadrons sitting at zero. I ask that local Squadron Commanders work on ensuring their membership applications are submitted so we can keep our numbers up to date. I know our Vice Commanders have been out and about trying to support you. If there is something more we can do as leaders to support your Squadron and help get our numbers up please let us know.

Keep in mind the Dist 1 Christmas party is Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, in Mabel starting at 1PM. The District mid-winter is Jan 4<sup>th</sup> in Stewartville starting at 10:00AM.

In closing I want to personally thank those currently serving and those that served for your service to our country.

May every have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless the USA.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lemmer

District 1 SAL Commander.

## From Your Membership Chairman

If you do not send your dues in by December 20th you will loose your eligibility for the Minnesota Hospital Association for two (2) years.

Also if you are a member of the American Legion Riders thru the Sons of The American Legion you will not be eligible for the Riders also. Make sure and pass this word through out your post and squadron.

Glenn Mueller—First District SAL Membership Chairman

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## SAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 11/26/2019

SQUAD	LOCATION	GQAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	81	78	2	80	98.77%	1	11/12/2019
40	LANESBORO	62	0	53	53	85.48%	9	11/26/2019
50	WABASHA	11	0	7	7	63.64%	4	11/20/2019
90	LEWISTON	47	0	47	47	100.00%	0	11/20/2019
92	ROCHESTER	133	103	10	113	84.96%	20	11/20/2019
94	RUSHFORD	48	0	6	6	12.50%	42	11/12/2019
119	BYRON	38	12	14	26	68.42%	12	11/26/2019
164	STEWARTVILLE	111	0	12	12	10.81%	99	8/19/2019
166	PRESTON	44	19	11	30	68.18%	14	11/20/2019
179	PLAINVIEW	18	0	0	0	0.00%	18	8/19//2019
190	ST CHARLES	12	10	2	12	100.00%	0	11/12/2019
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	3	3	6	20.69%	23	11/12/2019
423	HOUSTON	3	0	15	15	500.00%	-12	11/12/2019
546	KELLOGG	24	0	8	8	33.33%	16	11/12/2019
551	EYOTA	44	4	18	22	50.00%	22	11/20/2019
573	ELGIN	3	0	3	3	100.00%	0	9/12/2019
579	MILLVILLE	32	0	0	0	0.00%	32	8/19/2019
595	LA CRESCENT	71	0	36	36	50.70%	35	11/12/2019
<b>TOTAL FOR EAST SIDE</b>		<b>817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>58.26%</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	42	0	0	0	0.00%	42	8/19/2019
56	ALBERT LEA	141	93	6	99	70.21%	42	11/26/2019
75	NEW RICHLAND	5	0	0	0	0.00%	5	8/19/2019
77	OWATONNA	142	5	33	38	26.76%	104	9/10/2019
91	AUSTIN	72	0	20	20	27.78%	52	11/20/2019
105	LYLE	35	0	1	1	2.86%	34	11/12/2019
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	37	37	72.55%	14	11/12/2019
228	WASECA	132	23	32	55	41.67%	77	11/12/2019
264	GLENVILLE	41	26	3	29	70.73%	12	11/20/2019
266	HARTLAND	15	0	10	10	66.67%	5	11/12/2019
281	JANESVILLE	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10	8/19/2019
317	EMMONS	16	0	1	1	6.25%	15	11/12/2019
330	HAYFIELD	36	19	9	28	77.78%	8	11/12/2019
333	KASSON	35	21	13	34	97.14%	1	11/20/2019
384	DODGE CENTER	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	8/19/2019
404	ALDEN	63	4	14	18	28.57%	45	11/12/2019
552	FREEBORN	32	15	1	16	50.00%	16	11/20/2019
<b>TOTAL FOR WEST SIDE</b>		<b>1030</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>40.78%</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>
1111	DAKOTA	83	24	14	38	45.78%	45	11/26/2019
<b>TOTAL FOR DISTRICT</b>		<b>1789</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>52.21%</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>11/26/2019</b>

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*Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed  
New Year to all!*

# TACO NIGHTS



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**Meat Raffles too!**

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**Thursdays ~ Serving 5:30-7:30 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**



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



**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

**\$20.00**  
 for split meals

**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

## LACRESCENT SAL OMELET BREAKFAST



**8:00 AM until 12:00 PM**

**AT THE LACRESCENT EVENT CENTER**

26 **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
Steak Fry, Legion *5:30 – 8:00 PM *.....	June 13
Chicken & Pork Fry, Legion *4:00 – 8:00 PM*.....	June 14

Pearl Harbor  
*Remembrance Day*

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**  
 Program: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
 Reception: 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Veterans Service Building**  
 Veterans Hall Conference Room  
 East Wing, 1st Floor  
 20 W. 12th St.  
 St. Paul, MN

For more information, visit [minnesotaveteran.org/pearlharbor](http://minnesotaveteran.org/pearlharbor)

# THIS PAGE AND THE ONE FOLOWING ARE ON THE ARMED FORCES SERVICE CENTER AT THE MINNEAPOLIS—ST PAUL AIRPORT.

## Greetings Service Dog Handlers,

Welcome to the Armed Forces Service Center (AFSC). We hope that you and your working service dog enjoy your stay. The AFSC is a nonprofit (*covered entity*) with no affiliation to the USO. The following is some helpful information to better assist you during your visit. Thank you for your service.

**Dog Treats & Water:** Available for our working service dog guests. Ask a volunteer. Styrofoam bowls are available if needed. In accordance with the MN Health Department, excess water for pets should be dumped in the toilet or trash, not the sink.

**Pet Relief Area:** Located on the Baggage Claim level, outside door 1. Directional signs are posted outside.

**Dog Accidents:** Please pick up after your working service dog if any accidents occur during your stay.

**Medical Emergency:** Please let our volunteer know what your working service dog is trained to do during a medical emergency and what they should do to assist you.

**Aggressive Dogs:** Working service dogs that are aggressive or not housebroken can be placed at the seating area outside the AFSC. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

**Lounge Furniture:** We kindly ask our four legged guests to use the carpet to relax.

**Aisles:** Please keep the main aisle open in the lounge area for the safety of all concerned.

**Sleeping Bunks:** Due to the limited bunks, and the space in the bunk rooms, please use the designated handicap bunks to prevent a guest on the top bunk from stepping on your working service dog.

**Kitchen:** The AFSC is a licensed food facility and must abide by MN Health Department codes and regulations. Working service dogs are not allowed in the kitchen.

The Armed Forces Service Center, its board of directors, officers, employees, contractors, volunteers and the Metropolitan Airports Commission cannot be held liable for any and all claims, causes of action and damages for bodily injury or death suffered during your stay at our 24 hour facility located at the MSP International Airport.

*Excerpt from the Minnesota Dept. of Human Rights.* Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities that are directly related to the person's disability. Service animals are working animals, not pets. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting or protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. A dog whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support does not qualify as a service animal.

*Excerpts from the Dept. of Justice, FAQ about Service Animals and the ADA.* The ADA required state and local government agencies, businesses, and non-profit organizations (*covered entities*) that provide goods or services to the public to make "reasonable modifications" in their policies, practices, or procedures when necessary to accommodate people with disabilities. The service animal rules fall under this general principle. The ADA does not require covered entities to modify policies, practices, or procedures if it would "fundamentally alter" the nature of the goods, services, programs, or activities provided to the public. Nor does it overrule legitimate safety requirements. If admitting service animals would fundamentally alter the nature of a service or program, service animals may be prohibited. In addition, if a particular service animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it, or if it is not housebroken, that animal may be excluded.

## Thank You!

For donating to the Armed Forces Service Center.

This tax receipt acknowledges your tax deductible donation of cash or check to the Armed Forces Service Center, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for the donations. Our Federal Tax ID is 41-0966145.

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The Armed Forces Service Center (AFSC) was founded on November 22, 1970, by Maggie Purdum, after her son died in Vietnam. To date, the Center has provided free food, shelter and services for over 1 million current members of the military.

**UNIQUE TO MINNESOTA** – The AFSC is a one-of-a-kind nonprofit facility. It is supported by contributions (financial and in-kind product donation) from various veterans' organizations, corporate and personal contributors. The AFSC has no affiliation with nor receives funds from our respected counterparts at the USO.

**OPEN 24/7 (365 days a year)** – The AFSC offers current traveling members of the military—*active-duty, National Guard, Reservists, Purple Heart Recipients, Medal of Honor Recipients & their dependents, DoD employee on official travel orders and military retirees.* Our guests have access to a lounge with a TV, access to a military DSN phone line, cell phone, free Wi-Fi, iPads, fax/printer/copier machine, bathroom and toiletries. It also includes a full kitchen with complementary snacks, beverages, etc. The men's bunk room sleeps 20, and the women's bunk room sleeps 6.

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## 1st District American Legion Auxiliary Membership As of November 26, 2019

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	32		32	60.38%	21
50	Wabasha	113	93		93	82.30%	20
110	Lake City	72	48		48	66.67%	24
179	Plainview	139	99		99	71.22%	40
546	Kellogg	124	80		80	64.52%	44
573	Elgin	18	2		2	11.11%	16
579	Millville	53	34		34	64.15%	19
588	Mazeppa	37	21		21	56.76%	16
92	Rochester	135	100		100	74.07%	35
119	Byron	75	17		17	22.67%	58
164	Stewartville	173	156		156	90.17%	17
551	Eyota	100	53		53	53.00%	47
<b>Pod One Total</b>		<b>1266</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>67.22%</b>	<b>415</b>
295	West Concord	34	22		22	64.71%	12
330	Hayfield	182	126		126	69.23%	56
333	Kasson	133	119		119	89.47%	14
384	Dodge Center	75	38		38	50.67%	37
422	Claremont	21	1		1	4.76%	20
52	Blooming Prairie	104	85		85	81.73%	19
77	Owatonna	113	80		80	70.80%	33
75	New Richland	49	36		36	73.47%	13
228	Waseca	243	197		197	81.07%	46
587	Waldorf	19	18		18	94.74%	1
<b>Pod Two Totals</b>		<b>973</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>74.20%</b>	<b>251</b>
40	Lanesboro	103	11		11	10.68%	92
68	Spring Valley	42	36		36	85.71%	6
81	Harmony	53	1		1	1.89%	52
94	Rushford	55	25		25	45.45%	30
197	Chatfield	32	29		29	90.63%	3
299	Mabel	123	74		74	60.16%	49
369	Wykoff	17	16		16	94.12%	1
526	Peterson	43	44		44	102.33%	-1

Unit	Location	Goal	Previous	Turn In	Total	Percent	Left
544	Ostrander	15	9		9	60.00%	6
637	Whalan	22	17		17	77.27%	5
191	Caledonia	75	72		72	96.00%	3
249	Spring Grove	122	91		91	74.59%	31
423	Houston	138	115		115	83.33%	23
498	Hokah	18	17		17	94.44%	1
595	La Crescent	181	128		128	70.72%	53
<b>Pod Three Totals</b>		<b>1039</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>65.93%</b>	<b>354</b>
56	Albert Lea	289	242		242	83.74%	47
264	Glenville	87	71		71	81.61%	16
404	Alden	37	30		30	81.08%	7
552	Freeborn	61	58		58	95.08%	3
91	Austin	128	108		108	84.38%	20
105	Lyle	56	27		27	48.21%	29
140	Grand Meadow	63	47		47	74.60%	16
146	Adams	132	112		112	84.85%	20
161	Leroy	46	30		30	65.22%	16
<b>Pod Four Totals</b>		<b>899</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>80.65%</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>4177</b>	<b>2983</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2983</b>	<b>71.41%</b>	<b>1194</b>

**\*Note:**

Orange Highlight = 11% - 50%

Red Highlight = 0% - 10%