



# FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- April 8, 2017 - Commander Sy's testimonial supper, LaCrescent Post 595 . Social time 5:00 supper at 6:00pm program to follow
- April 12, 2017 - The deadline for having your Post Data Form into Department.
- April 16,2017 - Easter Sunday, please take time to remember those serving that cannot be at home.
- May 6, 2017 - Department Commander's testimony at Shooting Star Casino.
- May 19, 2017 - First District Executive Board meetings for convention in Albert Lea ost 56
- May 20, 2017 - First District Convention in Albert Lea Post 56

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## FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S PEN

Legion Family,

The months go by so fast it seems I spend all my time writing news articles. La Crescent Post 595 hosted the Detachment of Minnesota SAL Conference March 18<sup>th</sup>. There were 59 registered members. They also raised over \$980.00 on their auction for Child Welfare Foundation. The Sons are an amazing group.

Many Posts are had their Legion birthday dinners in March. I hope you were able to add to your membership totals at those dinners. This is the time of year where it gets tougher and tougher to get those renewals in and new members signed up. Minnesota has fallen to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation so make those calls and pay a visit to those who haven't renewed.

It is that time of year as well for many reports to be sent in. Commander Milton has promised our National Commander that we would be at 100% on the Consolidated Post Reports. Even though you may not think so EVERY Post does something. If you talked to anyone about our programs or assisted an Honor Guard, donated blood or anything else that has to do with community activities then there is a line item on the CPR report. It is extremely important that these get done because these reports are used for National to show Congress what we do and demonstrate too them the need for continued services.

Look at your calendars and see if you are available to attend the statewide training session June 23-25<sup>th</sup> located at Legionville. We have heard many times that there is a lack of communication and training. Here is an opportunity to learn and have open discussions. This class should be attended by everyone especially if you currently are or are planning on being an officer at any level. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Myron Ehrich for being selected as the First District Vice-Commander of the year. He has been active in attending many if not all our Legion functions on the local level as well as Department level. Good job Myron! Thank you to West Concord Post for hosting our latest rally. Turn in was low but the participation went well. We also had 9 bowlers for our pre rally festivities. Vice Commander Hill will be working on trying to get a rally in area 3. The last one you recall was cancelled due to snow storm. Come and join us for fun and comradeship.

God Bless you and God Bless our troops.

Sy Fix

6th place in department

| AREA       | VICE |      |      |    |      |        |     |           |
|------------|------|------|------|----|------|--------|-----|-----------|
| AREA ONE   |      | 3502 | 3262 | 41 | 3303 | 94.32% | 199 | 3/29/2017 |
| AREA TWO   |      | 1985 | 1805 | 27 | 1832 | 92.29% | 153 | 3/29/2017 |
| AREA THREE |      | 1637 | 1478 | 68 | 1546 | 94.44% | 91  | 3/29/2017 |
| AREA FOUR  |      | 2189 | 1978 | 13 | 1991 | 90.95% | 198 | 3/29/2017 |

## MEMBERSHIP- -MEMBERSHIP- -MEMBERSHIP

As of the Department bulletin #38, first district is in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 91.98%. We have six posts at goal or higher.

I thank those posts for the hard work their membership team did to help keep their post strong in their communities and our district.

There are about a dozen posts that only need three or less members to reach goal. We all need to go out and ask those that have not paid their dues and ask those that are eligible to belong to sign up. Without membership, it will get harder and harder to fight for veteran's rights and continue with the programs that support our communities and our youth.

The next National target date is April 12<sup>th</sup> with 95% as the goal. We have a lot of work to do to reach this target date and make 100%. It would be a great testimonial gift for Commander Sy to reach 100% by April 8<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to Area 2 Vice Commander, Myron Ehrich for receiving th Vice Commander of the Year Award for the district at the Department Appreciation Rally on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Legionville.

We are working on setting up a membership rally in Area 3 sometime in April.

District Membership Director, Area Three Vice Commander Carroll Hill receiving the "Golden Boot" award for having the highest percentage of membership in the First District at the Rally in West Concord Post 295



### FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 3/29/2017

| POST                          | LOCATION     | GOAL        | PREVIOUS    | TURN IN   | TOTAL       | PERCENT       | LEFT       | DATE             |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| 9                             | WINONA       | 639         | 581         | 6         | 587         | 91.86%        | 52         | 3/22/2017        |
| 90                            | LEWISTON     | 78          | 69          | 1         | 70          | 89.74%        | 8          | 3/8/2017         |
| 190                           | ST CHARLES   | 142         | 143         | 1         | 144         | 101.41%       | -2         | 3/29/2017        |
| <b>WINONA COUNTY TOTALS</b>   |              | <b>859</b>  | <b>793</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>801</b>  | <b>93.25%</b> | <b>58</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 50                            | WABASHA      | 282         | 233         | 4         | 237         | 84.04%        | 45         | 3/8/2017         |
| 110                           | LAKE CITY    | 153         | 139         | 4         | 143         | 93.46%        | 10         | 3/29/2017        |
| 179                           | PLAINVIEW    | 205         | 187         | 4         | 191         | 93.17%        | 14         | 3/8/2017         |
| 546                           | KELLOGG      | 72          | 71          | 0         | 71          | 98.61%        | 1          | 3/22/2017        |
| 573                           | ELGIN        | 40          | 36          | 1         | 37          | 92.50%        | 3          | 2/15/2017        |
| 579                           | MILLVILLE    | 136         | 166         | 1         | 167         | 122.79%       | -31        | 2/22/2017        |
| 588                           | MAZEPPA      | 78          | 74          | 1         | 75          | 96.15%        | 3          | 3/29/2017        |
| <b>WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS</b>  |              | <b>966</b>  | <b>906</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>921</b>  | <b>95.34%</b> | <b>45</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 92                            | ROCHESTER    | 1009        | 940         | 11        | 951         | 94.25%        | 58         | 3/30/2017        |
| 119                           | BYRON        | 158         | 137         | 0         | 137         | 86.71%        | 21         | 3/22/2017        |
| 164                           | STEWARTVILLE | 312         | 292         | 1         | 293         | 93.91%        | 19         | 3/22/2017        |
| 446                           | ROCHESTER    | 16          | 13          | 5         | 18          | 112.50%       | -2         | 11/23/2016       |
| 551                           | EYOTA        | 182         | 181         | 1         | 182         | 100.00%       | 0          | 3/29/2017        |
| <b>OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS</b> |              | <b>1677</b> | <b>1563</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>1581</b> | <b>94.28%</b> | <b>96</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| <b>AREA ONE TOTALS</b>        |              | <b>3502</b> | <b>3262</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>3303</b> | <b>94.32%</b> | <b>199</b> | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 295                           | WEST CONCORD | 70          | 53          | 1         | 54          | 77.14%        | 16         | 3/29/2017        |
| 330                           | HAYFIELD     | 241         | 214         | 1         | 215         | 89.21%        | 26         | 3/16/2017        |
| 333                           | KASSON       | 277         | 260         | 3         | 263         | 94.95%        | 14         | 3/29/2017        |
| 384                           | DODGE CENTER | 86          | 83          | 1         | 84          | 97.67%        | 2          | 3/22/2017        |
| 422                           | CLAREMONT    | 38          | 32          | 3         | 35          | 92.11%        | 3          | 2/9/2017         |

|                               |                  |             |             |            |             |               |            |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| <b>DODGE COUNTY TOTALS</b>    |                  | <b>712</b>  | <b>642</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>651</b>  | <b>91.43%</b> | <b>61</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 52                            | BLOOMING PRAIRIE | 111         | 106         | 2          | 108         | 97.30%        | 3          | 2/9/2017         |
| 77                            | OWATONNA         | 577         | 540         | -3         | 537         | 93.07%        | 40         | 3/22/2017        |
| 296                           | ELLEDALE         | 34          | 16          | 7          | 23          | 67.65%        | 11         | 1/4/2017         |
| <b>STEELE COUNTY TOTALS</b>   |                  | <b>722</b>  | <b>662</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>668</b>  | <b>92.52%</b> | <b>54</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 75                            | NEW RICHLAND     | 64          | 56          | 1          | 57          | 89.06%        | 7          | 3/8/2017         |
| 228                           | WASECA           | 353         | 327         | 6          | 333         | 94.33%        | 20         | 3/29/2017        |
| 281                           | JANESVILLE       | 105         | 100         | 1          | 101         | 96.19%        | 4          | 3/8/2017         |
| 587                           | WALDORF          | 29          | 18          | 4          | 22          | 75.86%        | 7          | 11/23/2016       |
| <b>WASECA COUNTY TOTALS</b>   |                  | <b>551</b>  | <b>501</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>513</b>  | <b>93.10%</b> | <b>38</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| <b>AREA TWO TOTALS</b>        |                  | <b>1985</b> | <b>1805</b> | <b>27</b>  | <b>1832</b> | <b>92.29%</b> | <b>153</b> | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 40                            | LANESBORO        | 105         | 104         | 1          | 105         | 100.00%       | 0          | 2/22/2017        |
| 68                            | SPRING VALLEY    | 84          | 78          | 4          | 82          | 97.62%        | 2          | 11/2/2016        |
| 81                            | HARMONY          | 33          | 31          | 1          | 32          | 96.97%        | 1          | 1/4/2017         |
| 94                            | RUSHFORD         | 133         | 130         | 3          | 133         | 100.00%       | 0          | 3/29/2017        |
| 166                           | PRESTON          | 77          | 71          | 2          | 73          | 94.81%        | 4          | 3/16/2017        |
| 197                           | CHATFIELD        | 52          | 46          | 3          | 49          | 94.23%        | 3          | 2/15/2017        |
| 299                           | MABEL            | 193         | 165         | 9          | 174         | 90.16%        | 19         | 3/8/2017         |
| 369                           | WYKOFF           | 21          | 2           | 17         | 19          | 90.48%        | 2          | 12/7/2016        |
| 400                           | CANTON           | 17          | 2           | 10         | 12          | 70.59%        | 5          | 1/4/2017         |
| 492                           | FOUNTAIN         | 18          | 12          | 3          | 15          | 83.33%        | 3          | 1/4/2017         |
| 526                           | PETERSON         | 36          | 38          | 1          | 39          | 108.33%       | -3         | 3/29/2017        |
| 544                           | OSTRANDER        | 28          | 26          | 2          | 28          | 100.00%       | 0          | 1/4/2017         |
| 637                           | WHALEN           | 17          | 13          | 2          | 15          | 88.24%        | 2          | 11/23/2016       |
| <b>FILLMORE COUNTY TOTALS</b> |                  | <b>814</b>  | <b>718</b>  | <b>58</b>  | <b>776</b>  | <b>95.33%</b> | <b>38</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 191                           | CALEDONIA        | 174         | 164         | 1          | 165         | 94.83%        | 9          | 3/22/2017        |
| 249                           | SPRING GROVE     | 166         | 159         | 1          | 160         | 96.39%        | 6          | 3/22/2017        |
| 423                           | HOUSTON          | 115         | 109         | 1          | 110         | 95.65%        | 5          | 3/8/2017         |
| 498                           | HOKAH            | 22          | 19          | 1          | 20          | 90.91%        | 2          | 3/22/2017        |
| 595                           | LA CRESCENT      | 346         | 309         | 6          | 315         | 91.04%        | 31         | 3/29/2017        |
| <b>HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS</b>  |                  | <b>823</b>  | <b>760</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>770</b>  | <b>93.56%</b> | <b>53</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| <b>AREA THREE TOTALS</b>      |                  | <b>1637</b> | <b>1478</b> | <b>68</b>  | <b>1546</b> | <b>94.44%</b> | <b>91</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 56                            | ALBERT LEA       | 741         | 660         | 2          | 662         | 89.34%        | 79         | 3/16/2017        |
| 264                           | GLENVILLE        | 88          | 81          | 1          | 82          | 93.18%        | 6          | 3/29/2017        |
| 266                           | HARTLAND         | 19          | 14          | 1          | 15          | 78.95%        | 4          | 9/14/2016        |
| 317                           | EMMONS           | 76          | 70          | 1          | 71          | 93.42%        | 5          | 2/9/2017         |
| 404                           | ALDEN            | 108         | 108         | -3         | 105         | 97.22%        | 3          | 3/22/2017        |
| 552                           | FREEBORN         | 40          | 34          | 4          | 38          | 95.00%        | 2          | 2/9/2017         |
| <b>FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS</b> |                  | <b>1072</b> | <b>967</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>973</b>  | <b>90.76%</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 91                            | AUSTIN           | 678         | 596         | 1          | 597         | 88.05%        | 81         | 3/29/2017        |
| 105                           | LYLE             | 92          | 87          | 2          | 89          | 96.74%        | 3          | 3/29/2017        |
| 140                           | GRAND MEADOW     | 50          | 48          | 1          | 49          | 98.00%        | 1          | 1/4/2017         |
| 146                           | ADAMS            | 217         | 214         | 2          | 216         | 99.54%        | 1          | 3/22/2017        |
| 161                           | LEROY            | 74          | 63          | 2          | 65          | 87.84%        | 9          | 3/29/2017        |
| 570                           | AUSTIN SPAM      | 6           | 3           | -1         | 2           | 33.33%        | 4          | 3/22/2017        |
| <b>MOWER COUNTY TOTALS</b>    |                  | <b>1117</b> | <b>1011</b> | <b>7</b>   | <b>1018</b> | <b>91.14%</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| <b>AREA FOUR TOTALS</b>       |                  | <b>2189</b> | <b>1978</b> | <b>13</b>  | <b>1991</b> | <b>90.95%</b> | <b>198</b> | <b>3/29/2017</b> |
| 1111                          | DAKOTA           | 67          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0.00%         | 32         | 7/23/2016        |
| <b>DISTRICT ONE TOTALS</b>    |                  | <b>9380</b> | <b>8523</b> | <b>149</b> | <b>8672</b> | <b>92.45%</b> | <b>708</b> | <b>3/29/2017</b> |

### FROM AREA ONE

Well, its already the first of April and that's no joke. Not much time left to get to quota. And also the Dist. 1 conv. is not that far away. We need everyone for this last push for membership, its not that far from getting there.

Hope to see a lot of you at the Commander's Dinner, but will try and hit a couple of the Posts before the District convention. So be thinking about all that's coming up and still needs to be done. If you changed your dues get the paper work in get the consolidated reports in new officers list in and any changes in meeting times and dates, locations, post phone numbers or anything else of importance.

Did get rear ended Wednesday but not hurt, car will need some help will be able to get it home.  
Gary Miller, Dist. 1 Area 1 Vice Commander

### FROM AREA TWO

Happy Spring and Happy Easter to one and all!

March started off with a bang for me! I wish to send out a big Thank You to Commander Sy as well as to Membership Director Denny for bestowing the honor to me of being the District Vice Commander! This took place on March 4th at Legionville.

On March 25th, the Area 2 Rally was held here at Post 295 in West Concord. We had a good turnout. As both Post Commander and Vice Commander, I thanked everyone that attended.

As always, let us not forget those that are serving our great country both here and abroad at Easter. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Make sure to check out the newsletter and see what is going on in our District for the month of April( not an April Fool's joke!). I hope to see at these events.

Vice Commander  
Myron

### FROM AREA THREE

Greetings from Area Three:

In my travels throughout the state of Minnesota, I have noticed that a lot of Legion personnel, young and old, do not know what the American Legion stands for or what it is built on. The four pillars of the American Legion is the foundation it is built on. When you ask people about it, they do not know what the four pillars are. That's why I am congratulating Commander Sy for the outstanding job he is doing in District One to remind Legionnaires what the pillars are. He has had four wooden pillars made up with the names: Veterans Affairs, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. Each Post in District One will receive four pillars to be put on the Commanders table for monthly meetings or any other events that come up. This is a good way to remind Veterans what the American Legion stands for. Thank you, Sy.

As you will see in this Newsletter, that I was very fortunate to win the Boot Award for Membership for the District. I want to thank the people and officers in Area Three that helped me win that. We are doing a good job and hope to keep it up.

God bless our men and women in uniform who are protecting us 24/7.

Area Three Vice Commander      Carroll Hill

### FROM AREA FOUR

Greetings from area four, I have a couple of things that need brought up. First , we need to make personal contact with the members of our posts that have not renewed. Remember that membership is the life blood of our organization.

Second, check with your post adjutants about reports that need to be filled out and turned in. All post mailings are sent to the adjutant so make sure that he or she brings them to your meeting and go over them so everything you do gets counted for. You may not think that your post does not do very much but you would be surprised on what things are counted.

Third your post should have received your Post Consolidated Report or CPR, make sure it gets filled out and submitted.

As always, keep our service members in your thoughts and prayers.      Rodger German - Area Four Vice Commander

## FROM YOUR PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

April 2017

Continue developing your PR strategies. Jealousy, guard the reputation of the American Legion in the print news. Perceptions are easily made, and difficult to change. If your post is receiving press more than once for something negative, you might want to take action to redress this. At this time of the year it's time to get ready for the Convention season and elections along with the CPR- the consolidated post report form. It is a snapshot that details all the post activities since last year. Plan for Memorial Day and presentations at graduations.

Continue registering posts for the Centennial, along with sending in memorial photos and narratives. The post history contest is on and we hopefully will have a record number of entries at the Department Convention in July. Additional information will be disseminated next month. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as the PR committee chair for the past few years.

Ralph Schneekloth  
District PR chair

## CHAPLAIN'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Greetings, First District

Welcome to Spring. For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Now think about those previous words, you know we say them before every meeting and just this first bit is really heady, what a charge we have received; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

October 11, 1798, President John Adams stated in his address to the military: We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. America's God and Country, William J. Federer 2013.

Peter Marshall- Chaplain of the United States Senate, January 13, 1947. The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. I am rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time is come -it is now- when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government. America's God and Country, William J. Federer 2013.

Easter is in April as well. The God and Country program talks about public worship, prayers and aspects of good citizenship. It has been a distinct privilege to have been able to serve as the First District Chaplain for the past three years. Thank you for the opportunity.

Ralph Schneekloth  
MN First District Chaplain

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

**If anybody knows of a Gold Star Family in the First District please let Adjutant Hammon or Les Shaunce in Albert Lea know so an invitation can be sent to them to attend the First District Convention Memorial Service at 11:00 am on Saturday May 20, 2017 in Albert Lea.**

**This memorial service is the jewel of our convention and we would love to have the Gold Star Family members present if possible.**

**Please share this with everyone so no one gets left out.**

I have set aside a block of rooms at the Days Inn La Crosse. Here is the info you need if you should decide to come to the testimonial on Saturday April 8th in La Crescent and need a room.

Days Inn  
101 Sky Harbour Drive  
La Crosse ,WI

608-783-1000

Must call before 3-27-17 to get this rate

1 King \$69.00

2 Queen \$79.00

After the 27th rates are

1 King \$89.00

2 Queen \$109.00

The rooms are under the American Legion La Crescent

Sy Fix - First District Commander

## **Enlisted Person of the year applications**

I am asking all Members of the First District to seek our Members of your Post or Community who are National Guardsmen or Reservists from any branch who could be Candidates for Enlisted Person of the year. Each of our Communities have Guardsmen and Reservists currently serving who deserve recognition for their extra effort and involvement beyond their service duties. Please contact me with their information so we can get an application started. Thanks for your help.

Jim Kellogg  
First District Chairman

## **!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ATTENTION WOMEN VETERANS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Austin Spam Post 570 in Austin, MN is looking for female veterans who are eligible for the American Legion to think about joining their post.

Spam post is the only all female post in the state of Minnesota. It was started during WWII and has been active until their members got into their 90's. Their meetings will be held in Austin Post 91 Clubrooms where their Charter is displayed.

Some new interest has been seen with a few women wanting to get the post up and running again. If you want more information please contact District Adjutant Wayne Hammon and he will get the information to the proper contact people until a slate of new officers are selected.

# 2017 First District Call To Convention

To: All Posts of the First District

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of Minnesota, I, First District Commander, Sy Fix, do hereby call a convention of the First District to convene at Albert Lea, Minnesota, Saturday May 20, 2017.

The business sessions of the convention will be held at Albert Lea Post 56, 142 North Broadway St, Albert Lea, MN, commencing at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20th and will continue until adjournment.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, Four (4) District Vice- Commanders, District Chaplain, District Finance Officer, Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention and to do other business of the First District that may properly come before the Convention.

The voting strength of each Post will be, as provided in the Department Constitution and By-Laws, Article 5, Section 3 based upon the membership certification sent to the District Commander by the District Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Post Delegates and Alternates to Wayne Hammon Jr, PO Box 135, LeRoy, MN 55951 before May 5<sup>th</sup>.

All Members are encouraged to attend  
First District Commander  
Sy Fix

Delegate Certification to the First District Convention in Albert Lea, Minnesota, May 18, 2017, please send to the District Adjutant as soon as possible.

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ADJUTANT, POST # \_\_\_\_\_

## CONVENTION HOUSING INFORMATION

There are thirty (30) rooms blocked at the Best Western Plus in Albert Lea. This hotel is located right off I90 by the Harley Davison Shop.

The Address is: The Best Western Plus  
821 East Plaza St  
Albert Lea, MN  
Phone 507-373-4000

The rooms are locked in at \$79.95 per night. Reservations must be made by April 19, 2017 to get that rate.

Any reservations made after the 19<sup>th</sup> will be at the rate of \$139 per night.

There are no “on line bookings” at the hotel so you must call the hotel for registrations.

**When calling tell them that you are with the First District American Legion Convention.**

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### REQUEST FOR DELGAGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. Ralph Schneekloth
2. Roland Hanson
3. Bill Goede
4. Chuck Kruger
5. Richard Skillestad
6. Jim Kellogg
7. Myron Ehrich
8. Chuck Stone
9. Dale Welick
10. Les Shaunce

### OFFICER ENDORSEMENTS

1. Les Shaunce for Commander
2. Scott Ihrke for Area One Vice Commander
3. Gary Weaver for Chaplain
4. Myron Ehrich— Area Two Vice Commander
5. Bill Goede for Finance Officer

**First District 2017 Convention Pre- Registration**  
**May 20, 2017     Albert Lea, MN**

The First District Convention will be held at American Legion Post 56 in Albert Lea, MN.  
 Please fill out this form out by May 5, 2017 and return it to:

Leo Carney Post 56  
 142 North Broadway St  
 Albert Lea, MN 56007  
 Attention : Convention Committee

Please mark the items you want, mark with an "X" and total up the amount.

|       |                          |  |
|-------|--------------------------|--|
|       | Pre - registration       | \$10.00                                |
|       | Registration at the door | \$12.00                                |
|       | Saturday noon lunch      | \$ 8.00 (Pulled pork sandwich & salad) |
| Total |                          | \$ _____                               |

Please make the checks out to Leo Carney Post 56 and send to the address above.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one - Delegate     Alternate     Guest

Please place an "X" by your organization and put in the number

Legion \_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_ SAL \_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

You **must** register as either a delegate, alternate or as a guest to attend the convention. (if Legion Riders that are not registered plan on attending the Rider meeting they must register under one of the organizations above)

One person per registration form please. Make copies if needed. More than one registration and lunch fee may be put on one check.

**IMPORTANT** – being as we are having a one day convention it is imperative that we have pre-registration so we can get a better number of those attending for the post. So **PLEASE PRE-REGISTER.**



Dale Wondrasch receiving his SIXTY year membership certificate from the American Legion.

Commander Jim from American Legion Post 68 in Spring Valley presenting the certificate.

Dale is a member of the Wykoff American Legion Post 369

#### **A NOTE FROM PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER ARNIE TROE**

All post Adjutants - Remember to send your Children & Youth reports to me as soon as possible so I can get the department report done.

Second I want to remind all of the posts to get their post data forms returned to the department office before April 12th. This is very important because the information on that form is what National uses to put on the renewal notices that are sent out.

Also remember to get your consolidated post report or CRP filled out and sent in. Commander Milton's commitment is to have 100% of the posts in Minnesota submit their reports. So make the First District proud and get 100% of our CPR 's done.



Louis McCahill Post #110  
224 South Washington Street  
Lake City, MN 55041

American Legion Post #110 Press Release

### ***Louis McCahill Post #110 Recognizes Four 70 Year Legion Members***

LAKE CITY, MN – The Lake City, MN Louis McCahill Post #110 recently acknowledged and honored four of its members achieving 70 years of membership in the American Legion. Each veteran received “Membership Plaques” for the meritorious service to the American Legion.

The four honorees include: Dave McKenzie, Donald Palmer, Babe Terborch, and Donald Dahling.



Louis McCahill Post #110 Commander Emery Fick (L) is shown presenting a Membership Plaque to 70 year American Legion member Dave McKenzie for his continuous service in the American Legion. McKenzie served in the US Navy from 1942 to 1946. Most of his navy service was on a minesweeper ship operating in the war zones of the Pacific Ocean. After wars’ end McKenzie service took him to Hiroshima after the dropping of the nuclear bomb.

In another ceremony, Louis McCahill Post #110 Commander, Emery Fick (R) is shown standing with three 70 year American Legion members with their Membership Plaques received for their continuous service in the American Legion.

Shown with their plaques (L-R) are Donald Palmer, Babe Terborch, and Donald Dahling.

Palmer served in the US Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945 operating in theaters in India, Morocco and Italy. In receiving his plaque he commented he has outlived all members of his unit but one.

Terborch served in the US Navy from 1944 to 1946 as a shop keeper on Manus Island in the Pacific theater. Babe noted he has attended over 30 Manus reunions and he suspects he is the sole survivor of his unit.

Dahling served in the US Army infantry from 1943 to 1946. He was a radio operator in New Guinea and in the Philippines. Donald served with the 31<sup>st</sup> Division and stays connected with the remaining few in his unit.



## FUN TIME AT THE RALLY IN WEST CONCORD



Members present at the Past Commander/President fish fry in La Crescent Post 595

### !!!!!!!!!!!!!! ATTENTION BOWLERS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### District One Bowlers:

It is unfortunate that District One will not have a bowling tournament this year. Due to the confusion of which bowling alley was supposed to have the tournament there were no plans made. When I found this out, I tried to get another alley to take the tournament. Unfortunately, the alleys were not available on such short notice. The tournament has been set up for next year, it will be held at Nordic Lanes in Rushford. I am sorry for the inconvenience that this may have caused anyone. Hope to see you next year.

Adult Sports Chairman Carroll Hill

## 2017 AMERICAN LEGION POST BLOOD DONATION REQUEST

TO: Post Adjutants or Post Blood Chairman

This report is for dates January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Please answer the following questions and return by May 1, 2017 to your District Blood Chairman.

1. Number of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members donating blood during this time period \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Total number units of blood donated by Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members during this time period \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Did your Post sponsor a Bloodmobile/Blood drive? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.  
If yes, total of units donated through your efforts \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Are these totals estimated? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Total Units of Blood Donations \_\_\_\_\_

Please take the time to fill this out and get credit for what your Post is doing. Also, please fill in the Blood Donor Program section on the yearly Consolidated Post Report. Last year it was item 14 & 15 under National Security.

POST NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

POST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO DISTRICT BLOOD CHAIRMAN BY MAY 1, 2017.  
CHAIRMAN ARE LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.**

Please send your post blood report to the First District Blood Chairman before May 1st so he can get the district report done for the First District convention and send our results into Department on time.

Remember that where ever you donate blood the number of units that you donate can be added to the total for your post. The First District Blood Chairman is: Myron Ehrich

220 Irvin Street

West Concord, MN 55985

Home phone - 507-527-2578      Cell Phone - 507-259-5261

**THERE WILL NOT BE A BUS FOR THE FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT BOYS STATE THIS YEAR. EACH POST OR PARENT MUST SUPPLY TANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ST JOHNS UNIVERISITY .**

LEGION BOYS STATE 2017  
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

LEGION DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Post) POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_  
(City)

WILL SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ BOY(S) TO BOYS STATE THIS YEAR.  
REGISTRATION FEE OF \$300.00 EACH IS ENCLOSED HEREWITH. A POST  
MAY SPONSOR AS MANY BOYS AS THEY CAN AFFORD FROM ANY HIGH  
SCHOOL. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE ACCEPTED FROM OUTSIDE  
SOURCES BUT SPONSORSHIP MUST REMAIN WITH THE POST.

OUR BOYS STATE CHAIRMAN IS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Type or Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Town and Zip Code)

TELEPHONE HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO: MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION - FUND 77.**  
**PLEASE WRITE BOYS STATE REGISTRATION IN THE MEMO PORTION OF THE CHECK. CHECKS MADE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION OR BOYS STATE WILL BE RETURNED.**

THIS FORM, WITH ACCOMPANYING FEE OF \$300.00 PER BOY, MUST BE SENT TO:

LEGION BOYS STATE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
ATTENTION: JENNIFER  
20 WEST 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 300A  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155-2000

## MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION TRAINING REGISTRATION

Advance registration is important in providing attendance numbers allowing us to have ample supplies on hand for this instruction. It also governs the number of meals needed to be arranged.

**CLASSROOM**  
 American Legion Post 255  
 708 Front St.  
 Brainerd, MN 56401  
 Phone: (218) 829-2249

**REGISTRATION / HOSPITALITY**  
 Legionville  
 9544 Legionville Road  
 Brainerd, MN 56401  
 (218) 829-3094

**MAIL / E-MAIL REGISTRATION**  
 Jeff Gay  
 MN Legion Training Committee  
 145 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
 Jackson, MN 56143  
 (507) 933-4576 - [jlymang@gmail.com](mailto:jlymang@gmail.com)

Training dates are June 23-25. Training and registration begins Friday evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> (including a social and networking), all day the 24<sup>th</sup> and through noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> (District Membership Packets will be distributed too.)

**Registration begins at 5PM Friday at Legionville, Brainerd, MN**

FREE Dorm Lodging is available at Legionville (Legionville lodging is an open bay style w/communal showers) or at the Legionville Campground. Lodging is also available in Brainerd, MN, rates may vary, cost is your responsibility/

**COMPLETE THE FORM FULLY SO WE ARE ABLE TO CONTACT YOU AS NEEDED  
 PLEASE PRINT (NO CURSIVE) CLEAR AND LEGIBLY**

POST # \_\_\_\_\_ POST LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ POST POSITION \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELLULAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ POST POSITION \_\_\_\_\_  
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 E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

- We ask that you come minimally prepared with the following: Pad of paper, pen/pencil, highlighter. If you wish you may bring a computer to take your notes on.
  - If available, please bring your latest Post Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies
- The hospitality area will have seating, snacks and a cash bar
- A short welcome and briefing will take place in the hospitality area Friday evening to include training expectations, agenda, meal information and incidentals as needed.
- Training will begin 8AM sharp Saturday morning at Legion Post 255 in Brainerd!

This is the form that is to be used for individuals who want to attend the Training session

The form on the previous page is to be used when a post wants to send several members to the training session.

## MN LEGION Training Registration

**Mail to:**

**MN American Legion Training  
c/o Jeff Gay  
145 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Jackson, MN 56143**

**Dates: 23 – 25 June 2016**

**One Registration form per each person attending is required. Please copy as many forms as you need and send a separate form for each person, multiple forms may be mailed together.**

**If you wish, you may scan and e-mail the registrations to [jlymang@gmail.com](mailto:jlymang@gmail.com) - I will follow up with a confirmation e-mail showing receipt.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL BLOCKS OF THIS FORM AND PRINT LEGIBLY – NO CURSIVE**

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| <b>SPECIAL NEEDS OR CONSIDERATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Please Check<br/>PLEASE EXPLAIN:</b> |              |                           |
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# FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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Greetings from your President

Everyone please look over the call to convention for the Auxiliary in this section of the newsletter.

To all my chairman's, please read the Standing rules which have been sent out .

As far as membership goes, we need to get all the members who have not paid renewed as soon as possible. You are probably going to make personal contact with them to get them to pay.

I want to thank everyone for the GREAT job that you have done so far this year, lets keep it up.

May God Bless our troops where ever they are and God Bless America.

Cindy Nelson—First District American Legion Auxiliary President

### Secretary

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507/533/4454  
harlee@charter.net



## GIRLS STATE - 2017

### **REMINDER - MARCH 31ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR GIRLS STATE RESERVATIONS.**

Girls State is June 11-17, 2017 at Bethel University. It's not too late to sponsor a Junior girl for ALA Minnesota Girls State! It is the 71st Anniversary of Girls State and wouldn't it be great to have the maximum number of girls this year.

Do you have alternate delegates? Please send or email the following information to the Department office as soon as you know they are alternates. Name – Complete Address (with zip code) – Telephone Number - Attending School – email address.

#### **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE RESERVATION PACKET THOROUGHLY BEFORE YOU SHARE IT WITH YOUR CITIZEN**

Here are some of the things your citizen will need to provide:

Proof of legal inhabitation (copy of birth certificate, passport, green card)

A parent or legal guardian will need to read and sign the back page of the registration form and have their signature notarized.

Once the form has been signed and notarized, then the Unit President or Girls State Chairman will sign the form. They are acknowledging that they have read the information on their citizen and the application form is complete.

Incomplete applications will be returned for proper resubmission.

**Please remember that there are NO late arrivals and NO early dismissals. The 2017 Girls State session begins promptly at 3:00 pm on June 11th and ends on Saturday morning, June 17 just before lunch.**

Again this year, there will be a "Shirt Shack" with assorted ALA MN Girls State logo items for sale. There will be a "Package Deal" offered, which has been popular with many girls throughout the years.

**The 2017 "Package Deal" is \$50.00 Includes: Choice of Hoodie Style Sweatshirt or Collegiate Jersey Short Sleeve T-Shirt Portable Power Bank**

If units wish to purchase any items for their citizens, please send a check from your Unit with your girl to ALA MN Girls State. The check should be made payable to: ALA Department of MN. **New this year**... credit and debit cards will be accepted for a small transaction fee.

**THE FIRST DISTRICT WILL NOT PROVIDE A BUS THIS YEAR – Each Unit/parent must provide their own transportation to/from Bethel University.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2017 session of ALA Minnesota Girls State please feel free to contact me.

Marie Goede, District Chairman  
[mkg1945@embarqmail.com](mailto:mkg1945@embarqmail.com)  
 507-534-2931

**PS – Reminder your Girls State Annual report is due April 15<sup>th</sup> – THE INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED ON THE ANNUAL REPORT IS FROM THE 2016 GIRLS STATE SESSION. DO NOT SEND THE ANNUAL REPORT TO ME – SEND IT TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE.**

## April is Children and Youth Month!

Remember to Honor our Youth with the **Good Deed Award and Youth Hero Awards**.

**Youth Hero Award**-recognizes someone under 18 years of age who performs an act of physical bravery.

**Good Deed Award**-recognizes youths under 18 years of age that have contributed in a special way to society through community service.

**Every community has worthy youth! Just look around!**

Contact your schools, churches or other organizations, they would be happy to help with this award.

Wanda Prescher  
Children and Youth

## Note from Poppy Chm, Barb Oakland

First District Convention will be held in Albert Lea on Saturday, May 20th.

The District 1 Poppy Contest will be "a Spring Bouquet or a Table Centerpiece".  
The Table centerpiece entries can be taken to Dept. convention for the Dept. contest.

Rules: Must have Poppies in the bouquet (with in memorian papers removed)

Must have Dept. President, Carol Kottom's theme "Thank a Veteran-Some gave all, all gave some"

Let's see if every unit can have an entry this year! Entries should be at the Poppy Table by 9 AM

Any Questions call Barb Oakland at [507-567-2373](tel:507-567-2373).

## Call to Convention

The annual First District Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota is hereby called. It is to be held in Albert Lea, Minnesota on **Saturday May 20, 2017**. Auxiliary sessions will be held in the Marion Ross Theater, 147 North Broadway, Albert Lea, MN

Opening session will be called on May 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the Convention is to:

1. Elect District Officers for the 2017-2018 year.
2. Receive reports of Unit Presidents.
3. Receive reports of District Chairmen.
4. Elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention (Reno, Nevada).
5. Conduct such other business as may be brought before the Convention in conformity with the provisions of the Department and National Constitutions.

### DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

**ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMEN MUST FILE/TYPE A REPORT FOR THE DISTRICT BOOK OF ANNUAL REPORTS**, which will be available at the Convention. Reports should include information from the Unit annual reports forwarded to each respective Chairman by the Department office shortly after April 15 and any pertinent information regarding District projects or activities in your program area. Reports should be forwarded to the First District President **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2017**. If possible, reports should be typewritten and ready to print.

**District Chairmen are also responsible to judge the Unit Annual Reports in their respective program area for trophies, awards and certificates of merit according to the District Standing Rules.** They should notify the District President of winners of Certificates of Merit prior to the opening of the Convention so that the certificates can be properly prepared, signed and awarded at the Convention.

### UNIT COLOR BEARERS

Units are encouraged to bring their flags to the Convention to be presented as part of the opening ceremonies, posted during the Auxiliary sessions and retired at the close of the Convention. Auxiliary members who are carrying their flags at the District Convention are asked to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday May 20, 2017 to rehearse.

### PAGES AND COLOR BEARERS

Pages and color bearers are expected to wear **white blouses, navy blue skirts or slacks, and comfortable shoes**. NO jewelry except rings, watches and small earrings should be worn while acting as a page or color bearer.

### UNIT PRESIDENTS

ALL Unit Presidents are asked to take part in the **Opening Ceremonies** at the District Convention regardless of whether or not their Unit Colors will be present. Please be there by 7:30 A.M. to rehearse.

ALL Unit Presidents are expected to prepare a **two minute report about Unit activities throughout this past year**. Reports may include summaries of Unit activities or specific activities unique to the Unit that may provide ideas for other Units. Presidents will **present their report** during the convention sessions and submit a **written copy of that report** to the District Secretary upon completion of their presentation. Unit Presidents who are unable to attend the Convention may prepare a report to be read by another unit member or may forward a written report to the District Secretary prior to the Convention.

# Hear ye---Hear ye---Hear ye---

The American Legion Auxiliary will celebrate 100years in 2020!

Won't you be a part of it?

We have published articles in many places! Everywhere, but the local newspaper.

We continue to hear our members say--- no one knows anything about our Strategic Plan Committee. No one knows anything about our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook—Shame on your unit President for not passing it on!!

We have requested, encouraged, tried to motivate MEMBERS to become involved!

What should we do?

What do you want the organization to do?

Is it in your own local Unit where the changes need to happen?? Is it in the District or Department? Is it within your own Post--do you work together??

Remember--It is you---you the member, active or not active---involved or not ---doesn't matter where or what status/rank you have--**there is no rank, we are all "members"--it is you that make a difference!!**

We are one---one organization---the largest women's patriotic organization in the nation!!!

I am asking every Freeborn County Auxiliary Member—UNITS in: -Emmons, Freeborn, Albert Lea, Glenville, New Richland (another county), Ellendale, Geneva, and Hartland

Mower County Auxiliary Members---Lyle, LeRoy, Austin, Blooming Prairie, Grand Meadow, Adams to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook (a department Strategic Plan Fundraiser).

It is very simple---write it out by hand and mail to me at 771 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, Glenville, MN 56036 or save the postage and go to the department website and type your recipes in.

Ladies—we can do this—we can make change in our organization! We need each and every one of you to join in and help us be successful just as the previous 100 years have been. It is up to us to make a difference! It is up to us to re-energize the good of what we do, why we do it and be proud of whom our organization is—

Won't you please consider being a part of it—Won't you "Reach out and make a difference"? Maybe this will be the spark to start something new! Maybe this will be the start of reenergizing your unit! As I said, this is every member's organization.

Every member of the ALA is appreciated! And NEEDED!

Anxiously awaiting your recipe!

Chairman and committee for Strategic Planning

Department of MN, American Legion Auxiliary

Sandy Fredrickson, 771 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, Glenville, MN 56036

**COOKBOOKS** **RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET**

For office use only      Recipe No.

Category \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe Title \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_ *Unit #:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Town:* \_\_\_\_\_

**INGREDIENTS:** Use abbreviations pt. qt. pkg. env. c. ctn. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg.

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
- If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
- Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
- Include amounts, sizes, e.g., 2 (8-oz. cans.), temps, and baking/cooking times.
- Keep ingredients separate and directions in one paragraph. Do not submit recipes in steps, columns, or charts. Recipes which cannot conform to our chosen recipe format will be omitted.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." **DO NOT** use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
- Your recipes should fit into one of the following categories:

|                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Appetizers &amp; Beverages</b>   | <b>Breads &amp; Rolls</b>  |
| <b>Soups &amp; Salads</b>           | <b>Desserts</b>            |
| <b>Vegetables &amp; Side Dishes</b> | <b>Cookies &amp; Candy</b> |
| <b>Main Dishes</b>                  | <b>This &amp; That</b>     |

Dear Friend,

Our organization is preparing a wonderful custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. The cookbook will be professionally published, and it is certain to become a treasured keepsake.

Please submit 3–5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Thank you for contributing recipes as this will help to ensure that our cookbook will be a huge success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order plenty. You can reserve one or more for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ cookbook(s) for me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Cost of book depends on # of recipes submitted.*

Please submit your recipes to the committee **OR** online so we can meet our deadline. Thank you!

# PITCURES OF THE FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY JR CONFERENCE

MARCH 26, 2017 STEWARTVILLE POST 164



Poppy contest winners



President Cindy giving the charge to the new officers



President Cindy giving the members the charge



First District Jr members working on the Honorary Department president's project of socks for veterans.



Commander Fix & President Nelson helping tie a blanket for the Honorary Jr president's project



First District Jr Officers with Commander Sy Fix & President Cindy Nelson



Above - The winning poster at the First District Auxiliary Jr Conference - Below— Food for thought

**AMERICAN LEGION  
AUXILIARY**

Why should you  
join the  
American Legion  
Auxiliary ?

Because she will  
learn what  
**YOU**  
teach her

♡ ♡ ♡

*Service Not Self*

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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### WEST SIDE VICE COMMANDER

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### From Your Sal Commander

Greetings everyone,

It's hard to believe its April already. That only means that Convention time is getting closer.

The 1st District SAL Convention will be held May 13th in Albert Lea with Exec Board at 9:00 and regular session to follow.

We will be having election of Officers so if you or if you know of someone willing to step up to the plate and take an office let either myself or Gary Weaver know.

As we are nearing Convention and the end of another Legion year in July it is really time to push for those last memberships. The last ones are always the hardest to get but I have confidence in all of you that you will come through and have your Squadrons at goal.

Hope to see you all at convention and enjoy this nice Spring weather.

First District SAL Commander – Ron Wolff

### **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.

| Detachment     |       |                  |             |             |               |                   |
|----------------|-------|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| District       | Squad | Location         | 2017 Total  | 2017 Goal   | % of Goal     | Spring Conference |
| 1              | 9     | WINONA           | 76          | 76          | 100.00%       |                   |
| 1              | 40    | LANESBORO        | 54          | 58          | 93.10%        |                   |
| 1              | 50    | WABASHA          | 15          | 9           | 166.67%       |                   |
| 1              | 52    | BLOOMING PRAIRIE | 2           | 34          | 5.88%         |                   |
| 1              | 56    | ALBERT LEA       | 106         | 126         | 84.13%        |                   |
| 1              | 75    | NEW RICHLAND     | 0           | 0           | #DIV/0!       |                   |
| 1              | 77    | OWATONNA         | 130         | 145         | 89.66%        |                   |
| 1              | 90    | LEWISTON         | 43          | 48          | 89.58%        |                   |
| 1              | 91    | AUSTIN           | 67          | 67          | 100.00%       |                   |
| 1              | 92    | ROCHESTER        | 118         | 122         | 96.72%        |                   |
| 1              | 94    | RUSHFORD         | 33          | 49          | 67.35%        |                   |
| 1              | 105   | LYLE             | 22          | 20          | 110.00%       |                   |
| 1              | 119   | BYRON            | 45          | 47          | 95.74%        |                   |
| 1              | 140   | GRAND MEADOW     | 0           | 15          | 0.00%         |                   |
| 1              | 146   | ADAMS            | 90          | 132         | 68.18%        |                   |
| 1              | 161   | LE ROY           | 52          | 52          | 100.00%       | 4                 |
| 1              | 164   | STEWARTVILLE     | 70          | 128         | 54.69%        |                   |
| 1              | 166   | PRESTON          | 43          | 43          | 100.00%       |                   |
| 1              | 179   | PLAINVIEW        | 22          | 22          | 100.00%       |                   |
| 1              | 190   | ST. CHARLES      | 21          | 21          | 100.00%       | 3                 |
| 1              | 191   | CALEDONIA        | 0           | 0           | #DIV/0!       |                   |
| 1              | 228   | WASECA           | 115         | 126         | 91.27%        |                   |
| 1              | 249   | SPRING GROVE     | 9           | 10          | 90.00%        |                   |
| 1              | 264   | GLENVILLE        | 39          | 41          | 95.12%        |                   |
| 1              | 266   | HARTLAND         | 12          | 13          | 92.31%        |                   |
| 1              | 281   | JANESVILLE       | 0           | 11          | 0.00%         |                   |
| 1              | 299   | MABEL            | 0           | 48          | 0.00%         |                   |
| 1              | 317   | EMMONS           | 25          | 28          | 89.29%        |                   |
| 1              | 330   | HAYFIELD         | 33          | 32          | 103.13%       |                   |
| 1              | 333   | KASSON           | 38          | 42          | 90.48%        |                   |
| 1              | 384   | DODGE CENTER     | 8           | 8           | 100.00%       |                   |
| 1              | 400   | CANTON           | 0           | 0           | #DIV/0!       |                   |
| 1              | 404   | ALDEN            | 53          | 61          | 86.89%        |                   |
| 1              | 423   | HOUSTON          | 12          | 22          | 54.55%        |                   |
| 1              | 546   | KELLOGG          | 29          | 27          | 107.41%       |                   |
| 1              | 551   | EYOTA            | 39          | 41          | 95.12%        |                   |
| 1              | 552   | FREEBORN         | 35          | 36          | 97.22%        |                   |
| 1              | 573   | ELGIN            | 2           | 2           | 100.00%       |                   |
| 1              | 579   | MILLVILLE        | 12          | 33          | 36.36%        |                   |
| 1              | 595   | LA CRESCENT      | 61          | 98          | 62.24%        |                   |
| 1              | 1111  | DAKOTA           | 80          | 111         | 72.07%        |                   |
| <b>1 Total</b> |       |                  | <b>1611</b> | <b>2004</b> | <b>80.39%</b> | <b>7</b>          |

**2017 FIRST DISTRICT SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CALL TO CONVENTION**

To all Squadrons of the First District.

By the virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and By Laws of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Minnesota, I, Ron Wolff, First District Commander, do here by call a Convention of the First District Sons of The American Legion to convene at American Legion Post 56 located at 142 N. Broadway in Albert Lea, MN on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9 am. As per last year’s convention this year we are meeting 1 week before the Legion and Auxiliary.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, two (2) District Vice Commanders, a District Chaplain, a District Finance Officer and to conduct such business of the First District Sons of The American Legion that may properly come before the convention.

The voting strength of each Squadron will be, as provided in the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws, based upon the Membership certified to the District Commander by the Detachment Adjutant.

Please send certification of your Squadron Delegates and Alternates to:

1<sup>st</sup> District SAL Adjutant  
Gary Weaver  
29 N. Elm St.  
La Crescent, MN 55947  
[gweaver@acegroup.cc](mailto:gweaver@acegroup.cc)

All District SAL members are urged to attend.

Ron Wolff  
1<sup>st</sup> District SAL Commander

SAL Delegate certification to the First District Convention in Albert Lea, MN on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2107

|                |           |       |            |
|----------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| Squadron _____ | _____     | _____ | _____      |
|                | Delegates |       | Alternates |
| 1.             | _____     |       | _____      |
| 2.             | _____     |       | _____      |
| 3.             | _____     |       | _____      |
| 4.             | _____     |       | _____      |
| 5.             | _____     |       | _____      |
| 6.             | _____     |       | _____      |

# SAL DETACTMENT SPRING CONFERENCE IN LA CRESCENT POST 595



SAL members present at the Detachment Spring Conference in La Crescent, MN



Making a tie blanket for the Child Welfare auction



Commander Oswald presenting the Mike Lawler (National SAL Vice Commander) with his present

## Detachment Commander Gene Olsword's

Testimonial Dinner, April 22, 2017

Redwood Falls Post 38

Redwood Falls, MN

When: April 22, 2017

Social 5:00 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Program will follow dinner

Meal: Turkey Dinner with all the "fixins" - \$15.00

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tickets will be at the door on April 22

RSVP by April 8, 2017

Make checks payable to Redwood Falls Post #38

On memo line: CMDR Gene's Testimonial

\* Vida Bacon [vbpig@newulmtel.net](mailto:vbpig@newulmtel.net) 507-276-8538

110 N Payne St  
New Ulm, MN 56073

\* Jeannette Mertens [jmertens3868@gmsil.com](mailto:jmertens3868@gmsil.com) 507-828-7666

100 Industrial Dr  
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Lodging: Redwood Valley 507-644-5700

Jackpot Junction 507-697-8000 or 1-800-WIN-Cash

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

## RIDERS CONTACT INFORMATION



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### SGT AT ARMS

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### HISTORIAN

Nancy Lewison  
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### CHAPLAIN

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Austin, MN  
507/438/6933

### ROAD CAPTAIN

Lee Dority  
56235 220th St  
Austin, MN  
641/210/9035

## First District ALR

Our own "Tour of the First District" Legacy Ride is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2107. Committee members are Chairman, Roe Naylor, Lee Dority, Nancy Lewison, Karla Miller, Joe Smiley & Duane Thompson. Planning will begin soon and we will have an update at our next meeting.

We have three Posts interested in starting a chapter this year. We look forward to having them organized and participating in our events.

Our next meeting will be held at the Rochester Post #92 on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM. We will be excepting nominations for District ALR Officers for the 2017-2018 year. Per our bylaws, all offices



## **2017 First District American Legion Rider Convention Call**

To all American Legion Rider Chapters of the First District:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and by-laws of the American Legion Riders, Department of Minnesota, I Dennis Lewison, First District ALR Director, do hereby call a convention meeting of the First District ALR to be held at the Albert Lea American Legion at 1 PM, on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in conjunction with the First District American Legion Family convention.

The purpose of this convention meeting is to elect District Officers and to conduct such business of the First District ALR that may properly come before this meeting.

The voting strength of each ALR Chapter will be, as provided in the First District ALR by-laws.

All ALR members are encouraged to attend and register at the convention to support the American Legion Family.

First District ALR Director

Dennis A Lewison



STEWARTVILLE AMERICAN LEGION  
LADIES AUXILIARY  
SOUP & SALAD LUNCH  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
COST: \$10.00

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BY AUXILIARY MEMBERS OR AT THE DOOR

ENTERTAINMENT AT NOON  
BY THE APPLE ANNIES

THE AUXILIARY WILL ALSO HAVE QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS  
AVAILABLE FOR \$5.00







# ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH DINNER



Hosted by: American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 92

# \$10

## Friday, April 7

## 5:00pm to 7:00pm

# \$10

Baked & Fried Fish  
Vegetable  
Coleslaw  
Potato

Homemade Desserts are  
\$1 each



American Legion  
Wm. T. McCoy Post 92  
315 First Ave NW  
Rochester, MN 55901



Proceeds to the  
Auxiliary Scholarship Fund

# Mother & Daughter Banquet

Tuesday, April 25th

Social Hour: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

13 & up: \$6

6-12: \$3

Under 6: free

All are WELCOME



Sign up at  
The Legion



# PANCAKES & EGGS BREAKFAST



Hosts: Post 92 American Legion Riders & Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 48-2 Minnesota



Sunday

April 23rd

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Adults: \$7

Kids (12 and under): FREE

Proceeds go toward raising awareness and providing treatment for veteran PTSD



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Rochester, MN 55901



# SPAGHETTI DINNER



Hosts: Post 92 American Legion Riders & Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 48-2 Minnesota



Friday

April 28th

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Adults: \$7

Kids (12 and under): FREE

Proceeds go toward raising awareness and providing treatment for veteran PTSD



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315 First Ave NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

# FISH & CHICKEN

# DINNER



Host: Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 92

## Friday

## April 21st

5:00 pm to  
7:30 pm

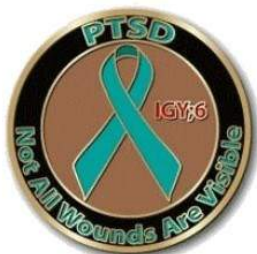


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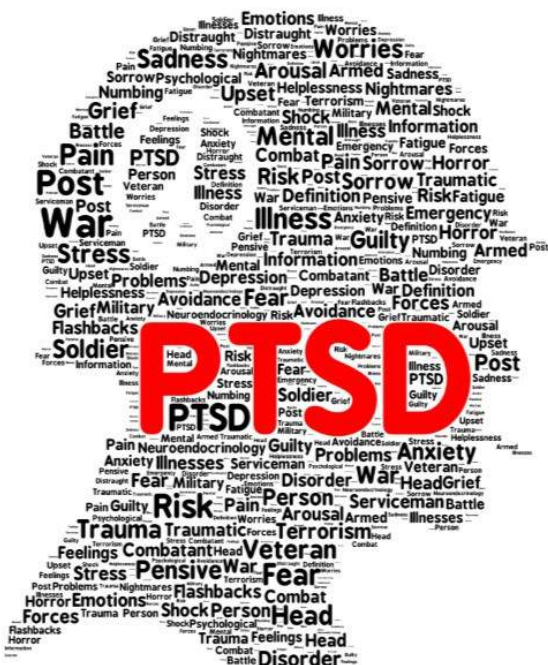




# VETS AGAINST



coins available



pins available

PTSD - not all wounds are visible



## June 24, 2017



Registration: 9:00 am  
Kick Stands Up: 10:00 am

\$25 per Driver  
\$5 per Passenger

Minnesota National Guard Armory  
1715 Marion Rd SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

ALL STREET LICENSED  
VEHICLES WELCOME  
Questions: Call "Doc" 507-990-8036