



# FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MN

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### IMPORTANT DATES

June 18,2017—Fathers day, Please take time to remember all the fathers out there.

June 23,24 & 25th, 2017 - Department Training and membership packet pickup at Brainerd and Legionville.

June 23, 24 & 25th, 2017—The Detachment SAL Convention at Legionville.

June 26, 2017 - District Changeover executive board and membership packet hand out starting a 6pm at Stewartville Post 164, Stewartville, MN. That is their burger night starting a 5pm so if you want a burger come early.

July 13,14,15, 2017 - The Department Convention in Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomon, MN.

July 23, 2017—The First District Picnic at Todd Park in Austin, MN. More details and a map are inside this news-

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## FROM YOUR COMMANDER'S PEN

My Legion Friends,

What an amazing year I have had. I did not get to all the Posts that I would have liked or maybe attended every function out there but the ones I did was so very special. I cannot imagine not ever having been District Commander. I am also so proud to have served with our Auxiliary President Cindy and SAL Commander Ron. They made the year roll right along. Their sense of humor and the ability to want to have fun was what made the year for me. It was an honor to work with my good friends that took a position to make the year what it was. We tried some new things, some worked some did not. I think we need to continue working on getting our youth involved with our programs and meetings. We need to ensure that they feel welcome by having the fun time with them. Having a 2 hour family function before our rallies were not the most successful but that doesn't mean we should discontinue. I think we did have fun and it didn't involve sitting around and socializing at the bar. Family, THAT is what we are and always will be about.

Congratulations to Les and all the other members who took an officer's position or a Chairmanship within the District. May they have a successful year. I believe Les will be focusing on one of the pillars this year. He is doing what it is we need to do and that's is to promote a pillar.

If you haven't started on your Consolidated Post Report than you need to get going on it. We were 100% last year and will be 100% again this year. Change over and packet pickup is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Stewartville Post. It is their burger night so come and help support their Post. Burgers start at 5:00 with program starting at 6:00. Be sure and bring your 1 paid member as well as your officers list. If you need help filling out a CPR than we will help with that as well. Hope to see someone from every Post there.

Thanks to each and every one of you for allowing me serve you this past year. Also thanks to all who came to my testimonial as well as those that gave to my project. I will never forget!!!!

Sy Fix

Commander Sy and Dodge County  
Commander Dale Welik at the Preston  
Cemetery for the memorial service.



## FIRST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 5/31/2017

POST	LOCATION	GOAL	PREVIOUS	TURN IN	TOTAL	PERCENT	LEFT	DATE
9	WINONA	639	589	5	594	92.96%	45	5/12/2017
90	LEWISTON	78	69	1	70	89.74%	8	3/8/2017
190	ST CHARLES	142	145	-3	142	100.00%	0	5/24/2017
<b>WINONA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>859</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>93.83%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
50	WABASHA	282	238	1	239	84.75%	43	5/17/2017
110	LAKE CITY	153	139	4	143	93.46%	10	3/29/2017
179	PLAINVIEW	205	192	1	193	94.15%	12	5/24/2017
546	KELLOGG	72	71	1	72	100.00%	0	5/3/2017
573	ELGIN	40	36	1	37	92.50%	3	2/15/2017
579	MILLVILLE	136	167	-31	136	100.00%	0	5/24/2017
588	MAZEPPA	78	76	1	77	98.72%	1	5/12/2017
<b>WABASHA COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>966</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>92.86%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
92	ROCHESTER	1009	953	18	971	96.23%	38	5/12/2017
119	BYRON	158	137	10	147	93.04%	11	5/3/2017
164	STEWARTVILLE	312	301	1	302	96.79%	10	5/24/2017
446	ROCHESTER	16	18	-2	16	100.00%	0	5/24/2017
551	EYOTA	182	182	0	182	100.00%	0	5/17/2017
<b>OLMSTEAD COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1677</b>	<b>1591</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1618</b>	<b>96.48%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
<b>AREA ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>3502</b>	<b>3313</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3321</b>	<b>94.83%</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
295	WEST CONCORD	70	53	1	54	77.14%	16	3/29/2017
330	HAYFIELD	241	235	6	241	100.00%	0	5/17/2017
333	KASSON	277	263	3	266	96.03%	11	5/12/2017
384	DODGE CENTER	86	84	1	85	98.84%	1	4/12/2017
422	CLAREMONT	38	32	3	35	92.11%	3	2/9/2017
<b>DODGE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>712</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>95.65%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	111	108	1	109	98.20%	2	4/5/2017
77	OWATONNA	577	539	1	540	93.59%	37	5/12/2017
296	ELLENDALE	34	31	2	33	97.06%	1	5/24/2017
<b>STEELE COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>722</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>94.46%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
75	NEW RICHLAND	64	57	1	58	90.63%	6	4/5/2017
228	WASECA	353	338	1	339	96.03%	14	5/31/2017
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>513</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>94.37%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
<b>AREA TWO TOTALS</b>		<b>1985</b>	<b>1858</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1883</b>	<b>94.86%</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
40	LANESBORO	105	108	1	109	103.81%	-4	5/17/2017
68	SPRING VALLEY	84	83	1	84	100.00%	0	5/3/2017
81	HARMONY	33	32	1	33	100.00%	0	5/12/2017
94	RUSHFORD	133	130	4	134	100.75%	-1	3/29/2017
166	PRESTON	77	73	2	75	97.40%	2	4/19/2017
197	CHATFIELD	52	46	3	49	94.23%	3	2/15/2017
299	MABEL	193	174	3	177	91.71%	16	4/12/2017
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	39	-3	36	100.00%	0	5/24/2017
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>740</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>96.56%</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
191	CALEDONIA	174	166	1	167	95.98%	7	4/12/2017
249	SPRING GROVE	166	160	1	161	96.99%	5	4/5/2017
423	HOUSTON	115	111	1	112	97.39%	3	5/31/2017
498	HOKAH	22	19	1	20	90.91%	2	3/22/2017
595	LA CRESCENT	346	315	1	316	91.33%	30	5/3/2017
<b>HOUSTON COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>823</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>94.29%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
<b>AREA THREE TOTALS</b>		<b>1637</b>	<b>1511</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1562</b>	<b>95.42%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
56	ALBERT LEA	741	671	3	674	90.96%	67	5/24/2017
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	114	-6	108	100.00%	0	5/24/2017
552	FREEBORN	40	34	4	38	95.00%	2	2/9/2017
<b>FREEBORN COUNTY TOTALS</b>		<b>1072</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>92.16%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
91	AUSTIN	678	603	3	606	89.38%	72	5/12/2017
105	LYLE	92	90	1	91	98.91%	1	5/31/2017
140	GRAND MEADOW	50	48	1	49	98.00%	1	1/4/2017
146	ADAMS	217	220	1	221	101.84%	-4	5/24/2017
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>1027</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>92.57%</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
<b>AREA FOUR TOTALS</b>		<b>2189</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>92.37%</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>
1111	DAKOTA	67	2	45	47	70.15%	20	5/31/2017
<b>DISTRICT ONE TOTALS</b>		<b>9380</b>	<b>8831</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8834</b>	<b>94.18%</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>5/31/2017</b>

6th place in Department

AREA	VICE	COMMANDERS							
AREA ONE			3502	3313	8	3321	94.83%	181	5/31/2017
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AREA FOUR			2189	2011	11	2022	92.37%	167	5/31/2017

### FROM AREA ONE

May's over getting time to start the new year. We elected the new officer's for next year in Albert Lee, sorry to say the turnout was very low. Good luck to Les Shaunce in the upcoming year. We still have a few Posts that can still make quota, so get that last one or two or whatever you can get.

Attended the Wabasha County Commanders Meeting on May 22, they had a very good attendance and two county Veterans service officers spoke. I've also been busy with Memorial Day program, but now that's all wrapped up for another year.

I want to again thank everyone in Area 1 for all their help this past year. Scott Ihrke will be the new area 1 Vice Commander (from St, Charles) lets give him all the help you gave me and the area will be in great shape.

Flag day is coming up fast , so if your Post does anything on that day get the word out in not get the old and worn out one's to a Post that will behaving a Flag burning ceremony,( Eyota has one every year) or the proper thing to do with the Flags.

Again thanks for a good year Area 1 did finish in 1st place for membership percentage.....

### FROM AREA TWO

Albert Lea Post 56 hosted our District Convention on May 19th and 20th. They did a super job as always. Congratulation goes out to Les Shaunce of Albert Lea on becoming our new District Commander.

Changeover of officer's and membership pick up will take place on June 26th at Stewartville, Post 164.

June is of course, the month of Father's Day. So please do not forget dear old dad on Sunday, June 18th

Vice Commander  
Myron Ehrich

### FROM AREA THREE

Greetings from Area Three:

I hope everyone took time to observe Memorial Day by remembering our fallen heroes. With Memorial Day being the unofficial kickoff to summer, we still have memberships to consider. Commanders and Membership Directors need to meet one on one with members who have not yet renewed their membership for the year. I hear the rumblings of complaints that it is costing so much to be an American Legion member but we must remember all that the American Legion has done for everyone.

Have a happy and safe summer. Remember our men and women in uniform in your prayers.

Area Three Vice Commander

### FROM AREA FOUR

Well this is my last article for the newsletter. I am sorry that I have not been more active in the district but my health just would not let me. I would like the thank Adjutant Wayne Hammon for helping me write articles all year.

Just because we are closing in on the new membership packet pickup, it does not mean that the membership year for 2017 is over. Lets keep trying to et the not paid members for 2017 to sign up so they can keep their continuous years going.

Also don't forget to send in your CPR and any other reports that are due sent in so they can be counted.

I want to wish the new membership team good luck for next year and as always please keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers and God Bless The USA.

Rodger German—Area Four Vice Commander

## Chaplains Corner June 2017

Greetings and blessings, First District. The American Legion's God and Country program is a very important part of the Americanism pillar, and, unfortunately today is oftentimes overlooked and/or marginalized. We a family must strive to maintain and strengthen our moral foundations in these days of political correctness and relativism. Cling to the saving truth of the gospel.

Philippians 2. If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion 2 then make my joy complete by being like minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

President John Adams address to the military on October 11, 1798:

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.

Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the United States Senate, on January 13, 1947 said:

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 our citizenship. America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government.

A lot of this sounds familiar, it should. We need a revival of spirit, of education and of faith; not only in our American Legion family, but in our nation as well. We the people need to be humble, penitent, and serve with humility in taking care of our brothers and sisters. This past Sunday at the Preston Cemetery ceremony, I had the occasion to meet two Gold Star families, one I knew and the other I just met. The experience of talking with them about the loss of their sons affected me deeply. The mother gave me a button with his name, photo, and kia date and said, "remember him well", or words to that effect. As a chaplain I haven't seen them at any Memorial services and am concerned if we are reaching all we can. The preamble begins with "For God and Country," we associate ourselves together for the following purposes. Now I know we take these words serious, but after time, it can be like when salt loses its saltiness. Please, reflect on what I've said this month and I again thank you for the humble honor of serving as your Chaplain for the past three years, it has been a very good experience.

Ralph Schneekloth,

MN First District Chaplain

## PR / Historian

### Helpful hints for District/County Historians

Some departments use the district and county structures, and historians at both levels must make a team effort to accomplish their respective responsibilities to posts in their jurisdiction. If you have been elected or appointed district/county historian, your primary duty is to coordinate the records of post activities within your district/county to ensure the preservation and accessibility of such records at all times.

Some departments conduct comprehensive spring and fall district meetings. If this is the case in your department, make every effort to be allotted time on the program. Travel to posts within your district with the district commander and his or her staff whenever possible, and speak at post meetings. Use the spring meetings as your vantage point for administering a final "morale booster" to the work-shy in your district. Emphasize the importance of adequate records and of giving all possible help and encouragement to post historians.

Many district historians have had no experience in this type of work. In addition, many posts have never tried to keep a history of any kind. You will have to begin by researching and compiling as much information as possible from past records, then focus on keeping your own records current.

Be sure that every post in your district has a post historian and that they are kept informed of the latest developments and material. It is your duty to give all possible aid to post historians within your district. If your department conducts an annual post narrative history or yearbook contest, encourage the historians to enter.

### Outline for a One-Year District/County Narrative History or Yearbook

Your department may conduct an annual district/county narrative history or yearbook contest in addition to those sponsored at the post level. Use the outlines for the one-year post narrative history and yearbook to compile district or county narrative histories or yearbooks. When using the post outlines as a guide, change the cover title, title page and text references to read "district" or "county." Naturally, some material suggested for the post entries would not be appropriate for district or county books.

Recently, the ad hoc Centennial Committee composed of past NEC Ray Dezurick and past Department Commander Jim Kellogg suggested that the Department of Minnesota is encouraged as a means of promoting your own post, to take photos of memorials and posts, along with a short narrative. They can be sent to [postphotos@mnlegion.org](mailto:postphotos@mnlegion.org).

We would like 100% participation in this as we will have a display planned, in a video format at the Centennial Convention as part of the way to showcase the great state of Minnesota to our comrades.

Finally, let us redouble our efforts at registering the posts in the first district on the Centennial page.

For God and Country,

Ralph Schneekloth  
Department Historian

## **ATTENTION WOMEN VETERANS, SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALL WOMEN AMERICAN LEGION SPAM POST 570 IN AUSTIN, MN**

American Legion SPAM® Post 570 is looking for new members, and we want you, women veterans!

The all-women SPAM® Post 570 was originally founded in 1946 by Jay C. Hormel, with 20 local women veterans. Eight of these women worked at the Hormel plant. As the post grew, it included veterans from all branches of the military. Jay had also initiated a program prior to the close of World War II as an effort to help find jobs for returning soldiers, augmenting his company's sales staff with women veterans. These women became known as the "Hormel Girls". Those Hormel Girls with both military background and musical talents were required to join SPAM® Post 570, with the intention of having the post form a marching band to compete in the August 1947 National American Legion Convention in New York City. Jay handed this near-impossible task to Dale Schamber, SPAM® Luncheon Meat product manager, who managed to find 74 eligible candidates willing to embark on an arduous five-week training session of marching and practicing for the event. The team was the first all-women American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps to enter this prestigious competition, and was a big hit at the convention even though it did not win. Photos of Austin's "All GI Girls SPAM Post 570" showed how welcome they were to the crowds and other parade participants.

Not all SPAM® Post 570 members were chosen to join the Hormel Girls and promote Hormel products across the country. The SPAM® Post members in Austin focused on American Legion's mission, and were "devoted to mutual helpfulness . . . committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans". Post activities included participation in Veteran's Day events, work in child welfare, baskets for the needy, and visits to local hospitals. They held meetings where girls could speak with recruiting officers, and provided educational programs for expecting mothers. Members also volunteered as part of "Operation Skywatch", manning a ground observation post to monitor aircraft and weather.

Although the Hormel Girls sales teams and SPAM® Post 570 shared some of their history for several years, the Hormel Girls eventually disbanded in 1953. On the other hand, SPAM® Post 570 remains an "active" post on the American Legion books, and now, in 2017, a new generation of women veterans would like to re-energize this historic post, and invites any interested parties to join up – musical ability is no longer required! Female members of other American Legion posts are also welcome to transfer their memberships to SPAM® Post 570.

The SPAM® Museum is proud to be a sponsor of SPAM® Post 570.

For more information or to join our post, contact Eileen Chao, Adjutant, SPAM® Post 570, at 507-437-4583 or [echao8@charter.net](mailto:echao8@charter.net).

## Consolidated Post Submittal Report, 6-1-2017

District	Post	Location	Submitted	District	Post	Location	Submitted
1	9	WINONA		1	570	AUSTIN SPAM	
1	40	LANESBORO	X	1	573	ELGIN	
1	50	WABASHA		1	579	MILLVILLE	X
1	52	BLOOMING PRAIRIE	X	1	587	WALDORF	
1	56	ALBERT LEA		1	588	MAZEPPA	
1	68	SPRING VALLEY	X	1	595	LA CRESCENT	
1	75	NEW RICHLAND		1	637	WHALAN	
1	77	OWATONNA	X	1	1111	DAKOTA	
1	81	HARMONY					
1	90	LEWISTON					
1	91	AUSTIN	X				
1	92	ROCHESTER					
1	94	RUSHFORD	X				
1	105	LYLE					
1	110	LAKE CITY	X				
1	119	BYRON	X				
1	140	GRAND MEADOW					
1	146	ADAMS	X				
1	161	LE ROY					
1	164	STEWARTVILLE	X				
1	166	PRESTON	X				
1	179	PLAINVIEW	X				
1	190	ST. CHARLES	X				
1	191	CALEDONIA	X				
1	197	CHATFIELD					
1	228	WASECA	X				
1	249	SPRING GROVE					
1	264	GLENVILLE					
1	266	HARTLAND	X				
1	281	JANESVILLE	X				
1	295	WEST CONCORD					
1	296	ELLENDALE					
1	299	MABEL					
1	317	EMMONS	X				
1	330	HAYFIELD					
1	333	KASSON					
1	369	WYKOFF	X				
1	384	DODGE CENTER					
1	400	CANTON					
1	404	ALDEN					
1	422	CLAREMONT	X				
1	423	HOUSTON					
1	446	ROCHESTER 446					
1	492	FOUNTAIN					
1	498	HOKAH	X				
1	526	PETERSON	X				
1	544	OSTRANDER					
1	546	KELLOGG					
1	551	EYOTA	X				
1	552	FREEBORN	X				

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>43.9</b>

### FROM YOUR ADJUTANT

I know you have been reminded about the reports that need to be submitted into Department but I am going to do it again as it is that important. Your Consolidated Post Report or CPR needs to be filled out and sent in. We want 100 percent participation from our district. We made it last year but I had to make calls and fill out about seventeen of the reports myself. I should not have to do that, it is the post adjutant's job so adjutants let's get with the program and fill them out. National uses the information from that form to publish flyers and also uses the information when it goes in front of congress to fight for our veteran rights and programs. Check the list above and if your post is not highlighted, check with your adjutant.

First District Adjutant—Wayne Hammon Jr

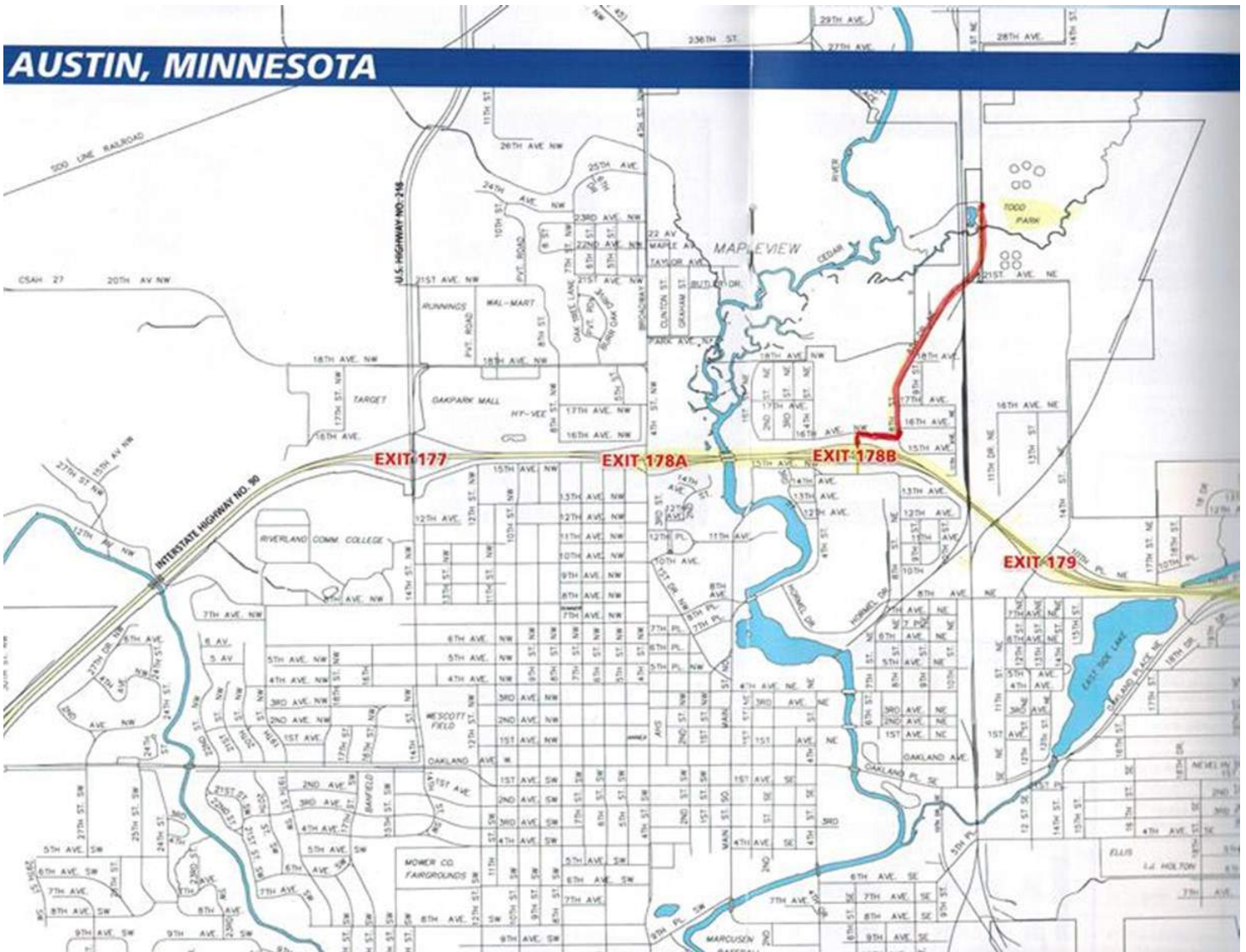


This was the 60th annual Boys & Girls County Day held in Wabasha in a collaboration with the Wabasha County Administration and the District 1 & Area 1 Wabasha County American Legion Council.

A total of 3 students + teacher from Lake City and a total of 10 students + teacher from Wabasha-Kellogg were attending. The American Legion Wabasha County Council was one of the hosts along with the County administration that put this program together. The day started with a welcome to the county by Program County Chair Jeffery Aitken and American Legion Wabasha County Commander Andru Peters. The program commenced with presentations by key County staff members providing an overview of their duties. This was followed by a visit to the County Commissioners' chamber with a Q & A session with the County Commissioners. Lunch was provided by Wabasha American Legion Post #50, then followed by a presentation by the Wabasha County Sheriff's Department as well as a presentation by the County Veterans Service officer. The program ended with an enactment by the Wabasha County Sheriff Department and the City of Wabasha Police Department of a DUI arrest for the students to show the process that is typically followed.

The group photo of all of the students was taken at the Criminal Justice Center, with American Legion Wabasha County Commander Andru Peters in the center of the group.

## AUSTIN, MINNESOTA



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE DISTRICT PICNIC

Above is a map for the directions to Todd Park in Austin where the First District Picnic will be held on Sunday July 23, 2017 at 12:00 pm.

Please bring a dish to pass, your own beverage and eating utensils.

Everyone in the First District American Legion Family is invited and encouraged to attend. Please pass this information to anyone who may not get this newsletter. We will send out another reminder in July when the time gets closer. The address of the park is 11th St and 21st Ave NE, Austin, MN.



A view of the crowd at the Memorial program at the Preston State Cemetery on Sunday May 25, 2017

Some of American Legion Post 190, St Charles, MN members at the memorial program



A portion of the speakers for the program at the Preston State Cemetery memorial program

District Family members listening to Rob Gross, the director of the Preston State Cemetery, talk on the workings of the cemetery and answer any questions that were asked.



Another picture of members present during the cemetery talk.

Another view of members present



## 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.

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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  
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### **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.**

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# FIRST DISTRICT AUXILIARY NEWS



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The newly elected First District American Legion Auxiliary officers being installed at the First District Convention in Albert Lea.



Our new Leaders, from left, Cheryl Nyman Auxiliary President, Les Shaunce, Legion Commander and Dave Nelson, SAL Commander.

Missing from the picture Dennis Lewison the Legion Rider Director.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## "THE POWER OF ONE"

My year started in Mabel in May 2016. I was installed as the 97<sup>th</sup> First District President along with Sy Fix (American Legion Commander) and Ronald Wolff (SAL Commander).

The journey continued in July to Department Convention in Rochester, MN where I officially was installed as President. The next items in order were the District Executive Meeting and the Department Workshop where all items needing approval happened. In August I attended the National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A new experience was participating in the First District American Legion Riders Legacy Run. FUN! Lots of laughter, great fund-raising, but most importantly talking with members that don't participate in our regular protocolled meetings! It was a great event!!

This was also the first time I had been at the Camp-O-See in Legionville (Brainerd) for the weekend. I attended with my son Dave, who is the First District SGT-at-Arms for the Sons of the American Legion. This was another great event!

I attended many events: June Dairy Days Parade in Adams, the Apple Annie Parade in LaCrescent (biggest parade ever), Spring Salad Luncheon in Stewartville, Mother-daughter Poppy event in Rochester, Spelling Bee Contest @ Hayfield visited/attended many Unit meetings (invites were not like they were the first time being President), Membership dinners, Veterans Day Dinners (one that stands out is Stewartville where our MN Creative Arts veterans entertained), and Memorial Day events as well as attending Department Rallies.

A highlight was attending Department President Carol Kottom's testimonial in Buffalo, MN. She was great to work with this past year.

I am proud to report membership came from the bottom, up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place; where we stayed most of the year. But ladies---is it possible to give one last push? We are not that far from attaining goal---will you please go home and see what you can do? Now is the time to do some wheeling & dealing. Bargain for this year—say what needs to be sent in to Department \$18.00, then ask for next years also. You may be surprised how the member may react and get 2 for 1!! ***It only takes one---"the Power of One"---to ask and to ignite a spark!***

Thank you to the Units who supported our District project. Raising funds for the MN Creative Arts program and Minneapolis Serviceman Center at the Minneapolis Airport. Total funds \_\_\_\_\_ will be split equally.

I want to "thank" my family, my Unit, #264 Glenville, all officers & chairman—unit & district, AL Commander Sy, SAL Commander Ron, ALA honorary junior President Johanna for all the support this past year! My eligibility (who has gone before us) Ken---I know you were with me all year long!! Thank you to the Albert Lea American Legion Family for hosting our District Convention. Secretary Sandy, thanks for traveling with me, making sure I did what needed to be done and doing paperwork/computer things for me! I would also like to thank the Department Staff, Sandie, Jan & Julie. You were there when I needed you! Remember—Department Convention is in Mahanomen, MN and National convention is in Reno, Nevada. I look forward to seeing you there but most importantly, look forward to winding down and relaxing a bit more than I have!!!

It truly has been an honor serving the First District as your President for 2016-2017!

God Bless each of you, God Bless our troops, and God Bless America!

Thanks again,

District President, Cindy Nelson

PS The district awards list will be in Augusts newsletter because some of the trophies were not awarded at the District Convention so will be awarded at the Department Convention in July.

# 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. etc. c. ct. 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!

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



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Greetings everyone,

This will be the last newsletter I write as your Commander. Dave Nelson of Albert Lea was elected the New 1st District Commander at our Convention in Albert Lea. I know that Dave and his new slate of officers will do an awesome job. I want to thank everyone who attended our convention and when I planned it I did not realize that it fell on opening fishing plus Mother's Day weekend so it was decided that we would hold the 1st District SAL Convention the 1st Saturday in May every year.

One thing coming up is the annual Detachment Campout at Legionville. This year the 1st and 3rd Districts are in charge of cooking the meals. I hope we get some help out of the 1st District with this. I have been in contact with the 3rd District and will get ahold of everyone after things are finalized. Detachment convention is June 23--25.

In closing I just want to thank everyone in the entire 1st District family for doing their part in keeping us strong. Thank you to my officers for the work they put forth this year and last of all a special thank you to Gary Weaver for stepping into Adjutant when mine resigned.

I want to congratulate all the incoming new officers of the 1st District and are looking forward to working with them all

. Thank You

### **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.

May 17, 2017			2017 Membership		
District	Squad	City	2017 Total	2017 Goal	% Of Goal
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	35	34	102.94%
1	56	ALBERT LEA	113	126	89.68%
1	75	NEW RICHLAND	0	0	0.00%
1	77	OWATONNA	142	145	97.93%
1	90	LEWISTON	43	48	89.58%
1	91	AUSTIN	70	67	104.48%
1	92	ROCHESTER	127	122	104.10%
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	14	15	93.33%
1	146	ADAMS	130	132	98.48%
1	161	LE ROY	52	52	100.00%
1	164	STEWARTVILLE	96	128	75.00%
1	166	PRESTON	44	43	102.33%
1	179	PLAINVIEW	22	22	100.00%
1	190	ST. CHARLES	21	21	100.00%
1	191	CALEDONIA	0	0	0.00%
1	228	WASECA	119	126	94.44%
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	7	11	63.64%
1	299	MABEL	50	48	104.17%
1	317	EMMONS	25	28	89.29%
1	330	HAYFIELD	34	32	106.25%
1	333	KASSON	39	42	92.86%
1	384	DODGE CENTER	8	8	100.00%
1	400	CANTON	0	0	0.00%
1	404	ALDEN	61	61	100.00%
1	423	HOUSTON	12	22	54.55%
1	546	KELLOGG	29	27	107.41%
1	551	EYOTA	44	41	107.32%
1	552	FREEBORN	35	36	97.22%
1	573	ELGIN	2	2	100.00%
1	579	MILLVILLE	29	33	87.88%
1	595	LA CRESCENT	67	98	68.37%
1	1111	DAKOTA	84	111	75.68%
<b>1 Total</b>			<b>1,859</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>92.76%</b>

# A few pictures of the First District SAL stand alone convention



Winona squadron 9 members present.



Members from Rochester, Albert Lea and Glenville Squadrons present.



The head table, from the left, Commander Ron Wolff, Adjutant Gary Weaver and Chaplain Jeremiah Oeltjen.



Finance Officer Bill Goede giving his report to the squadrons present.

**2017—2018 First District SAL officers being installed during the First District American Legion Convention at Albert Lea Post 56.**



# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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## First District ALR

Greetings,

There was a meeting held for the First District American Legion Riders on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. At this meeting, there were newly elected officers for the year of 2017-2018. The new officers are:

Vice President -	Dale Nicholson
Secretary	- Tonia Bettermann
Chaplain	- Dan Klingers
Jim Rinehart	- Sargent of Arms
Road Captain	- Joe Smiley
Historian	- Kassy Bettermann

The First District American Legion Riders will be having the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Legacy Run on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Registration will be on Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and donation will be \$20 per rider and \$10 per passenger. Please see attached flyer showing the locations of the ride and more details.

Rushford Chapter is having a Thunder in the Valley ride on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Registration will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and kick stands up at 11 a.m. Lunch will be in LaCrescent and supper will be in Rushford.

Glenville Chapter will be having a Glenville Days. They will be having a parade on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and asking the American Legion Riders to ride through the parade. The lineup will be at the high school in Glenville at 9:30 am.

Rochester Chapter will be having a PTSD ride on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The next First District American Legion Riders meeting will be held in October at the Fall Rally. There is a plan to have nice fall ride before or after the meeting. More information to follow.

Thank you,

**Tonia Bettermann**  
**First District ALR Secretary**



First District Riders at a Honor Flight welcome home.



First District Legion Rider Director Dennis Lewison addressing the convention body at the First District Convention in Albert Lea Post 56.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MN - 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT LEGION RIDER



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
**LEGACY RUN**

## JULY 8 & 9, 2017

**RIDE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & ALL STREET LEGAL VEHICLES**  
**REGISTRATION ON SATURDAY 7:30-8:30am**  
**DONATION: \$20 RIDER / \$ 10 PASSENGER**

### Saturday

**Albert Lea - KSU 9AM**  
**Glenville**  
**Alden**  
**Blooming Prairie**  
**West Concord - Lunch**  
**Mazeppa**  
**Kasson**  
**Rochester - Supper**

### Sunday

**Rochester - KSU 9am**  
**Stewartville**  
**Adams**  
**Austin**  
**Hayfield - Lunch**



**JOIN US FOR ALL THREE DAYS, ONE DAY OR  
WHEN WE STOP AT A LEGION NEAR YOU**

Proceeds will be going toward higher education  
scholarships for the children of soldiers who  
made the ultimate sacrifice for their Country...  
**AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Questions? Contact Roe Naylor at (507) 438-5804







*LeRoy Sons Of The American Legion*

**Kenny McRoberts**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**CAR &  
MOTORCYCLE  
SHOW**



**Saturday, July 15, 2017**

**REGISTRATION: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**CAR SHOW: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**AWARDS AT: 2:30 p.m.**

**South Park on South Broadway**

**LeRoy, MN**

**- WATCH FOR SIGNS! -**



**CLASSES TO BE SHOWN:**

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- Stan Bergan Memorial  
(Driver's Choice)



Contact Wayne Hammon

507-696-2707

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