

Maynard had never had an alcoholic drink.

As the men gulped down the juice, Maynard was approached by one of his fellow trainees who he considered a good friend. "He said we should really keep in touch afterwards, and so I gave him my real name and address, and he gave me his."

Three days later, Maynard was called before an Army board. One of the men sitting on the board was the officer Maynard had exchanged information with. All along, he had been a spy for the OSS, secretly evaluating the trainees.

"They said, 'Lieutenant, did you exchange your real information with this man?' I said, 'Geez, I guess so, but I thought he was my friend.' They said, 'Lieutenant, you're going to face a lot worse in the OSS, and it could mean somebody's life.'"

Maynard thought his spy career was over before it started. "But the officer said, 'We're going to keep you in the OSS, but we want you to remember: 'You talk too much and you can't hold your liquor.'"

At graduation, Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan himself talked to the men. He was known in the OSS as "109" which was the number of his office at the agency's headquarters.

"He asked me if I knew why I was here. I said no. He said, 'Don't worry, we'll find something worthwhile for you to do.'"

At first, Maynard thought he might be heading for the Philippines, but Gen. MacArthur quashed that idea. "He said he didn't want any loose cannons, and that any spies would have to be under his command. Donovan politely told him, 'Screw you.'"

Maynard said the OSS was recruiting all kinds of people who had specialties that might be needed for strategic services. "We had guys from Sing Sing or Alcatraz that were world-class safe crackers or forgers. We had academicians. We had map guys. We had natives of those countries we would be operating in. They would teach us how to cut our hair, how to tie our shoe laces, and how to use a fork and knife like the people do in those countries."

The OSS even had a special section to intercept new immigrants to America from certain countries so they could get their clothing to make sure the spies wore authentic threads.

"There were things that needed to be done that were essential to the war effort. There were things that went against what you learned in school and church, things that you had been told not to do your whole life. But you did them because it was for the national interest."

Maynard was first put in a pool of OSS men who were waiting for orders. "I got to be a regular at the junior officers club on 8th Street in Washington, just three blocks from the White House. I liked to play the one-armed bandits."

One day, they were having a ribbon cutting for a remodeling effort and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was invited to do the cutting.

"She just walked over from the White House all by herself. I was asked if I would escort her home. Well, she was about a foot taller than me, but I walked her home, and we had a nice conversation."

Maynard took a train to California to Camp Anza, and later got aboard the SS Callin headed for Australia. The ship zig zagged through enemy waters to avoid torpedo attacks. "It was strange to see the sun on the right, and then a little while later the sun on the left. It was a long trip."

The ship eventually docked in Calcutta and Maynard got transportation to Chabua in Burma. China was completely surrounded by the Japanese empire at that time, and the only way to get supplies and men to the interior was "over the hump," flying from Burma, over the Himalayas, to bases in China.

In April, 1944, Maynard arrived in Kunming, a central air force hub in south, central China. It was the headquarters for OSS activities.

"My main job was to get up at four in the morning and read the de-coded messages from our agents all over China. Then I had to cut the red tape and do what needed to be done."

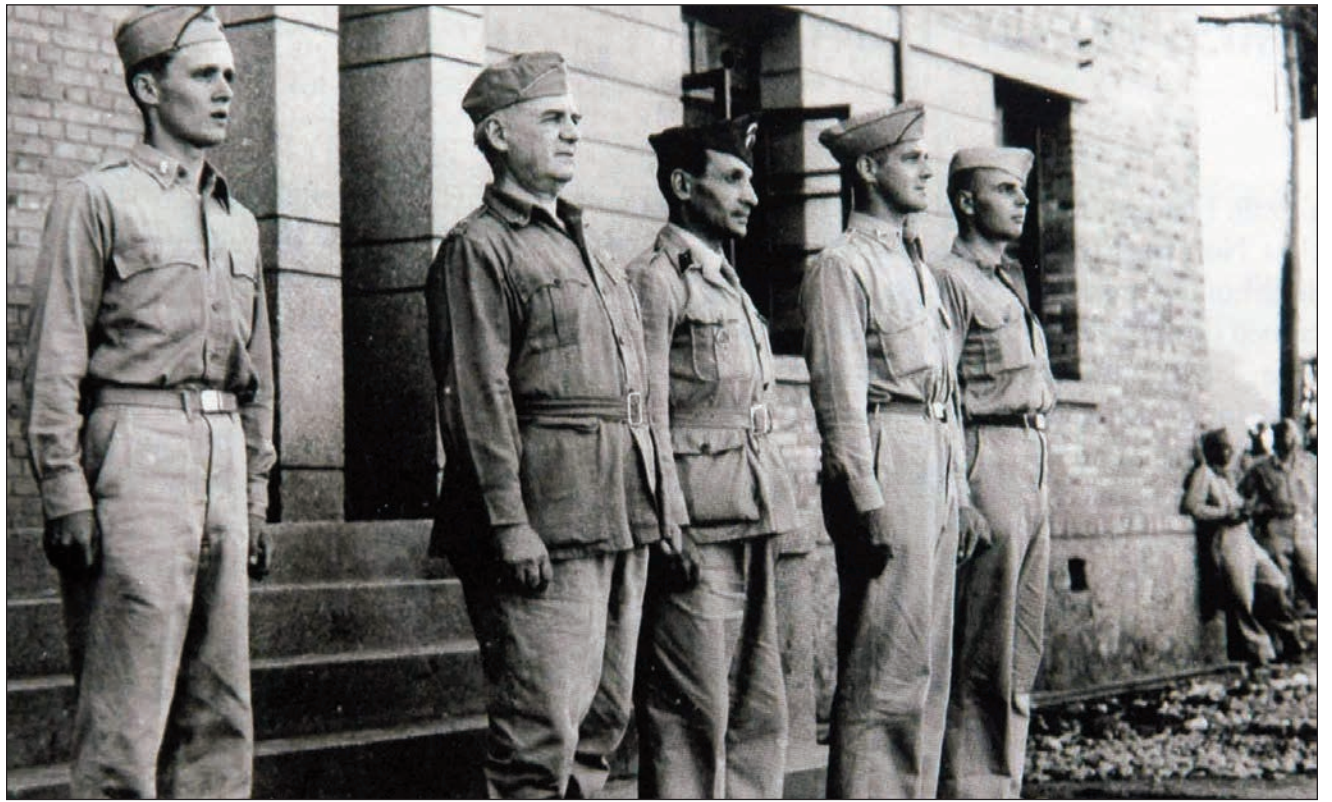
"I had three guys working for me, and we did what had to be done on an urgent basis. There was tight security, so we had to figure out who needed to know what."

Maynard gave an example of getting a message from a group of agents that had been dropped into a remote area of China that was occupied by the Japanese. On this mission, they had been forced to land on the opposite side of the river because the Japanese army was not where it was thought it would be. Their officer had sprained a leg on the jump, a radio antenna was broken, and they had lost their food supply.

"I'd have to find the officer's record to see what size brace he needed, get the brace, get a new antenna, and get a food bundle ready. We'd also have to move the red thumb tack that showed where the Japanese troops were from one side of the river to the other. That night a plane would drop them what they needed. If all that had to go through channels, it would have taken days or weeks."

The station had about 1,200 people, and Maynard said the OSS contingent included some amazing characters.

Included among them were Paul Child and Julia McWilliams. "Julia was about 11 years older than me and



For a time, Maynard served as aide to General William "Wild Bill" Donovan, the head of the OSS. This photo was taken in Kunming, China, with Maynard at the left, then Donovan. One of the other officers is likely Col. Richard Heppner, Maynard's boss in the China department "202."



Maynard worked part of his time as a courier at Kunming. Sometimes he had to memorize the messages because they were so top secret.



Some of Maynard's workmates in China were Julia McWilliams and Paul Child, both operatives in the OSS department. They later married, and Julia became perhaps the most famous chef in the world.



Maynard in uniform.



On his way to China, Maynard spend time in Calcutta India before flying over the hump.



General Donovan hands out medals to OSS soldiers in China. Maynard is at his immediate right. Donovan refused to wear his full uniform, saying that it was better he wear his jumpsuit and look like one of the troops.

about a foot taller." Paul and Julia soon became an "item," and later married.

The rest of the story was that Julia Child became probably the world's best-known chef, the author of cookbooks and the subject of movies.

Once Maynard's morning duties were over, for the rest of the day he became an aide "or you might say a 'go-fer.'" Kunming was humming with activity and spies, with the Americans, British, Russians, Japanese, and several varieties of Chinese politicians vying for information.

"We knew that the little Chinese man that brought us our tea every day was a spy. So we would make up tall tales when he was around."

Often the messages that Maynard had to deliver were so secret that he had to memorize them and deliver them orally.

Part of the OSS responsibility was propaganda, and millions of leaflets were created to drop on enemy positions. "On one of them, we took Hirohito's actual message which was 'Japan will never surrender' and added the words 'unless there is no hope.'"

Other OSS teams, in uniform or not, would do things like blowing bridges and cutting communications.

Life in the office was more mundane. "Every month we would be given two bottles of beer, which I didn't drink, a little bottle of chocolate drink, and a pack of cigarettes, and I didn't smoke. This all became trading material, and I would always end up with about dozen bottles of the chocolate drink."

Maynard became popular with his workmates because his mother would send him Kool Aid regularly. "The only water we had was out of the Lister bags, and it was terrible. It really helped if it had a cherry or a rootbeer taste to it."

As the war neared an end, a major concern for the OSS was the fact that 30,000 Allied prisoners were in camps in and around China. No one knew if the Japanese would kill the prisoners or abandon them at war's end.

Nine teams were formed that would be dropped at the camps to encourage a peaceful and non-violent transfer of the prisoners.

At about this time, in August 1945, the great leader himself, Gen. Donovan, came to China to help implement these rescue teams and to prepare for the end of the war.

"Donovan had an aide who was a Navy captain, but he didn't come with. Col. Heppner asked me to fill in as Donovan's aide during his visit." Col. Richard Heppner, a fellow Princeton student like Maynard, was in charge of the OSS in China.

"I had to take the cannons (field artillery) off my collar and put on this device that had two stars," Maynard said. "My prestige went up enormously."

Donovan got off the plane in a bush suit with baggy trousers. "He made a point of always being close to his men. He wanted to look like the men."

As the general got ready to distribute some medals at an official ceremony, the dutiful Maynard put away his bush outfit and laid out his formal uniform. "He came out and said, 'Where the hell's my bush uniform?' I told him that Col. Heppner had suggested he wear a formal uniform for the ceremony.

"Donovan looked at me and said, 'Col. Heppner's wearing an eagle, and I'm wearing two stars. Who do you think is going to determine what I wear?'"

Maynard said Donovan did change into his full uniform later in the day for a meeting with Chinese leaders, which turned into another adventure for Maynard.

"There was a lot of toasting with some very strong alcohol at these dinners. General Donovan didn't want to drink, but part of the etiquette was that the general could skip drinking the toast and have a representative do it for him. That was me."

And so whenever there was a toast that night, and there were many, the tee-totaling Maynard would step forward and dutifully knock it back. "I was Donovan's garbage disposal."

Maynard managed to stagger through the night, but woke up the next morning with the mother of all hangovers.

After a couple of days, Donovan asked Maynard if there was a barber on the base. Donovan had arthritis which made it difficult for him to shave at times.

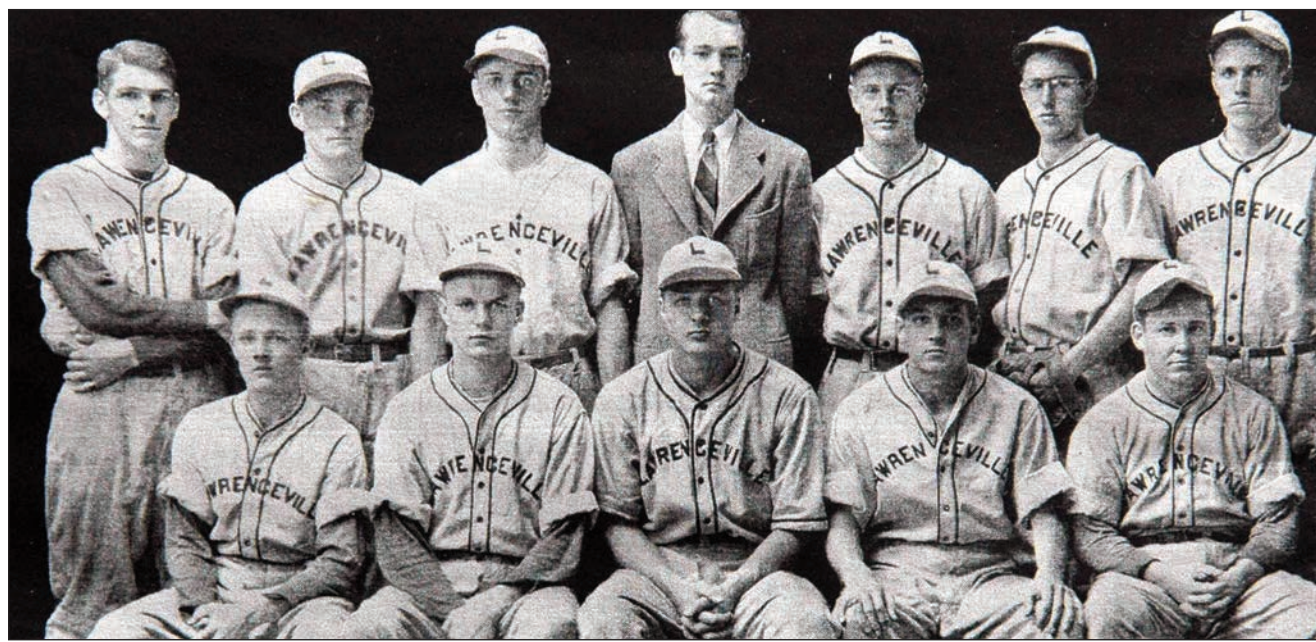
"We actually had two barbers. One was a corporal who would cut the guys' hair, but he wasn't very good. His real job was to take care of the Doberman pinschers that we used as guard dogs. The other barber was a Chinese local who was a very good barber, and most of us used him.

"I decided on the Chinese guy. When it came time for the shave and a haircut, they brought in the barber who was a tall, skinny guy in a blue smock and a scraggly beard. He started to get his razors and shears out of his pigskin bag.

"Donovan looked the barber over and said to me, 'Lieutenant, has this man been cleared by security?' I said, 'I don't think so, sir.' Donovan glared at me. 'Lieutenant, are you going to let this man around my neck with all those razors and knives?' I said, 'I don't think so, sir.'"

The Chinese barber was quickly sent away and replaced by the dog trainer corporal.

"I probably could have anticipated that having a Chinese local cut Gen. Donovan's hair was not the best choice. After the beard and hair was cut, Donovan said to me, 'Lieutenant, now the corporal was the better choice, wasn't



Maynard played baseball at his Lawrenceville prep school. He is at lower left.



A portrait of Maynard when he was a law student at Harvard, done by his brother.

it?" I just said, "Yes, sir."

Maynard resolved to do better.

The next morning when Donovan got up, he tried to exit his room, but the door was blocked. He later told Col. Heppner, "I tried to open the door, but I couldn't. I looked through the window and here was this kid sleeping on the cot, which was up against the door, with his .45 pistol on the pillow."

Maynard's explanation was simple. "I told them that if someone wanted to get to Gen. Donovan, they'd have to go over my dead body."

A major rainstorm hit the area toward the end of Donovan's visit, and the OSS compound was completely flooded and the kitchen was under water. A place outside the compound would have to be found for lunch.

"Donovan traveled with this briefcase, and he wouldn't let anybody else carry it for him. We found out later that it contained the plans for the atomic bombing of Japan, which only a few people in the world knew about. The briefcase also had plans for the OSS after the war, information about the rescue missions, and many other top secret documents.

"We had to walk over this series of boards to get to higher ground. We got into this olive drab sedan, the only sedan on the base, and drove to a very nice Chinese restaurant. They had cleared out all the locals. It was just Col. Heppner, the driver who was a sergeant, me and the general."

The American contingent departed, but a ways down the road Donovan suddenly said, "Col. Heppner, do you have my briefcase?" Heppner said he did not. Donovan turned to Maynard, "Lieutenant, do you have my briefcase?" Maynard did not.

The car did a quick u-turn and went back to restaurant. "By this time," Maynard said, "the locals had come back into the place for their lunch. Donovan sent me in to see if the briefcase was there. I walked in and a bunch of Chinese were seated around the table, and there were a lot of 'Ding hows' (the Chinese equivalent of 'thumbs up') when they saw me.

"I looked under the table and there was the brief case, leaning against one of the legs of the table. I grabbed it, and the Chinese all just laughed and smiled.

"I handed it to General Donovan, and you could see he was relieved. There was just silence in the car. Finally, he said, 'Now, lieutenant, I won't tell anybody about this if you don't.'"

Maynard said it was an example of what others noted about Donovan. "He was very strict about others' security, but not his own."



A piece of jade given Maynard by Gen. Donovan.

Maynard came out of his experience of being Donovan's aide with three souvenirs. One was a wool banner with two stars on it. "But the moths got to it, and I finally had to throw it away."

The second was a small pistol that had been issued to him to protect Donovan if need be. "I thought I was going to get home with that pistol, but when I mustered out, they said, 'Where's the general's pistol?' and I had to turn it over to them."

The third was a very finely carved square of jade, that Donovan had bought for a relative, but instead gave to Maynard.

"He had been very, very nice to me throughout. And then he gave me the piece of jade. He said it was for saving his life by drinking those toasts at that dinner." Maynard still has the jade as a prized possession.

On Oct. 1, 1945, after the war had ended, President Truman abolished the OSS. "We all just packed up and went home."

Maynard went down to Shanghai, and was working on helping get the agency's former agents readjusted to the post-war world.

One day he got a telegram from the Red Cross. "It said that my father had had a fatal heart attack, and that I should return home at once."

Maynard used all his clandestine skills to arrange transportation back to the states, which meant a lot of island-hopping in a smaller plane. When he got back to the West Coast, he immediately called his home.

"A voice answered, and it was a male voice. I realized it was my father. I told him that I'd been notified that he had died. He said no, he'd had a heart attack, but he was fine. He said, 'You'd better get right back to China.'"

That was easier said than done, and Maynard ended up at Camp Kilmer in New Jersey. He chose to leave the Army but stay in the reserves.

In the coming years, he graduated from Princeton and then completed law school at Harvard. Maynard was called back into the service for the Korean War as an intelligence officer, but spent a year in the Russian Zone in Vienna, Austria. "It was kind of hairy, but I spend the year doing nothing worthwhile."

He worked as legal counsel for United Shoe Machinery Co., a major global business, and in 1976, took a position with Honeywell in Minneapolis as general counsel and vice president. He retired when he was 65.

He never married, and has lived for decades in a beautiful apartment on the seventh floor overlooking Lake Calhoun. He is preparing to move to a new apartment in Edina.

What's his philosophy on life? "I have a conviction that there must be a divine power. I have accepted Jesus Christ as my lord and savior. There are no atheists in foxholes. As you get older, your spiritual life becomes ever more important."

District Commanders

FIRST DISTRICT

Sylvan Fix
Commander



Legion Family,

What a great testimonial. Thank you to La Crescent Post 595 for hosting this event. Good food, good friends, good times as well as the generosity of nice gifts and funding for my project. I was honored to have my kids, grandkids, a brother, PNC Ludwig, Commander Milton as well as many other Dept. and District officers.

School will soon be out. This is a good time to try and get our youth more involved in the Legion. They don't have studies or all the school activities to deal with. With so many Americanism and Children and Youth programs to choose from one should be able to find something to involve the youth in our Legion family as well as the community. There are many times that the youth are looking for something but don't know where to look and worst of all, they don't even know the Legion Family exists and just how many programs we have. Granted, most Posts can't do all the programs but you can concentrate on ones that the youth in your Community are more likely to partake in. As we all know, they are our future. God Bless.

SECOND DISTRICT

Mark Coney
Commander



Greetings to the Solid Second.

It has been quite a busy month and now with the weather getting warmer, the Posts are preparing for Memorial Day activities; you wonder where the time goes.

The Second District slipped to third place in membership behind the Sixth and Third respectively. But the difference between First and Third is only 1.27%, so please do not give up. This is the time when memberships trickle in, please call those post members who have not renewed as of yet and get their renewals. We have 35 Posts that are at or above goal. Thank you for all of your hard work.

The District newsletter is back and we are trying to switch transmission electronically. You can have it delivered to your computer free of charge on the day it is released. Details will be in the May issue of the newsletter.

The annual spring fishing outing for the Vet's home in Luverne will take place on June 7, beginning at 9 a.m. The location is at Becker's Resort in Lake Benton and they love getting out of the home and having a fun day. If you would like to attend, that would be great. Food will be served.

Finally, as we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day, please take a moment to thank all of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, but also take time to thank those who have served and to the service members who bear the battle scars from their service. This quiet moment of interaction can really raise someone's spirits and help heal the pain.

THIRD DISTRICT

Mike Maxa
Commander



Greetings "Thundering Third." Another busy time of the year is upon us, conventions, reports to write, post elections, installation of new officers and wrapping up the membership year before we start to focus on 2018. Time to sharpen the pencil and prepare the reports required by the conventions for all our chairman. Please provide them the information they will request from our district posts. Remember they have a deadline to meet providing their reports to Adjutant Linda. If you haven't registered for our district convention please do so sooner than later. Convention is 19-21 May, Post 45 New Prague. They have been planning for a great convention and there will be some fun to be had. This is a great time for all our posts to come together and share what we all do best for The American Legion and make some new friends. The Consolidated Reports need to be in the hands of National on 1 July 2017. You will need to mail or complete online at mylegion.org by 15 June 2017 to ensure National has your report in hand by 1 July. The "Thundering Third" was 100% CPR turn in last year and I expect 100% again this year. Thank you for all you do for our American Legion. For God and Country, still serving.

FOURTH DISTRICT

Randy Bastyr
Commander



Greetings to all members of the Fabulous Fourth. We are still in 9th place in the Department membership race.

Time is winding down and we only have a couple of months to prove to the Department we can get to 100 percent for the third year in a row. We just need to contact our unpaid members and get them to send in their dues. Also, ask everyone you meet if they are a member. If not, ask them to join. Let's go Fabulous Fourth. I know we can do this together.

May will be a busy month with testimonials, Mother's Day, District Conventions, the fishing opener, and Memorial Day. Let's not forget to take the time and thank all those who have served and those still serving. Also, please remember those that have gone to Post Everlasting. Their service to God and Country shall never be forgotten.

The 4th District Convention will be held on May 20, 2017. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.; program will start at 9:00 a.m. This is Armed Forces Service Day, and what a better time to gather with all your veteran friends.

Upcoming District events: May 10th - Joint RCCC, No. St. Paul Post #39. E board @ 6:30 p.m., General meeting @ 7:00 p.m. May 21st - VA Hospital visitation @ 12:30 p.m.

Thank you all for this opportunity to serve the Fabulous Fourth District. Thank you all for your service to God and Country.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Ray Eiden
Commander



Greetings from the Fighting Fifth.

Our Testimonial Dinner was held April 15th at Minneapolis Post 1. After a delicious beef pot roast dinner we had a wonderful program honoring our leaders. We could not have accomplished the things we did without the support of our officers and membership. I wish to express my gratitude to all of them. I am happy to announce that we have reached our goal of \$2000 for the purchase of a clavinova for the Minneapolis Veteran's Home. Our three fundraisers and post donations made this possible. I thank all those who contributed to this effort.

We need to do better with our membership. I ask all Posts to step up their efforts to reach their unpaid members. Call them or mail out notices. Do whatever it takes. There is a proposal to increase our district dues from \$3 to \$4. Our bylaws will need to be amended and a vote will be taken at our District Convention. Our District Convention will be held June 2-3 at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington. A convention call letter has gone out to all Posts. Get your registrations in as soon as you can. We need good participation for our convention to be successful.

The Department Convention will be held in Mahanomen on July 13-15. If you plan on attending reserve your room right now. They tend to fill up fast.

Our next Hospital Visitation is May 7th at 2:00 p.m.

SIXTH DISTRICT

Vernonica Fernlund
Commander



The 6th District has been leading the state in membership. Amazing job everyone. We are close to reaching our goal and we need all to chip in to get us to the 100 percent. My testimonial dinner went very well. Thank you to all who attended and for more toasting than roasting. I was honored with all the donations for our project to raise funds for purchasing a golf cart for the St. Cloud VA Health Care System. The Zimmerman American Legion Riders donated \$2,000.00, Zimmerman American Legion donated \$1,000.00, Waite Park Unit 428 donated \$250.00 and Jim Tuorila and his wife donated \$100.00 which ensures the cart will be purchased. Thank You - Thank You. The 6th District American Legion Family Convention is scheduled for Friday June 2 and Saturday June 3, at Park Rapids Post 212. I hope to see a representative from all our 6th District Posts. Remember - Memorial Day Ceremonies scheduled Sunday, May 28, 2017 at the Little Falls Cemetery and Monday, May 29, 2017 at the St. Cloud VA Health Care System.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Garylee Davenport
Commander



Greetings, Mighty 7th.

Well it's hard to believe that it is already May. Where did all the time go? I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter with family and friends.

Congratulations to the 13 posts in the 7th District that made it to their 100% goal. That only leaves 63 more posts to make goal.

The 7th District is currently in 7th place in the state for membership at 93.01%. It looks like we still have some work to do.

Please check your rosters and your expired lists. You can get updated lists on mylegion.org. If you don't have access to them please call me and I will try to get them for you.

We have a few things coming up for a vote at the next District Convention in June, a dues increase and the District bylaws. We will be voting on those things at that time. Don't forget that the Post Consolidated Reports are due.

My testimonial will be at the Spicer Legion Post 545 on May 19th. I will be sending out invites to all of the Posts.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Kenneth Oliver Jr.
Commander



Greetings 8th District Legion Family. Spring has finally arrived. On April 22nd at West Duluth Post 71 the district held its annual convention. Our incoming District Commander for 2017-2018 is Donovan Goblirsch from Virginia Post 239. A list of the rest of our 2017-2018 officers will be forthcoming in our next district newsletter. Now let's turn our attention to membership. As of our last bulletin from Department HQ the district is at 93.59%. That puts us 6.61% away from our goal. So here is what I'm asking post adjutants to do get your membership sheets out and give anyone who has not renewed a call and urge them to do so. Everyone else get out there and ask a veteran you know who qualifies to join us in insuring that current and future veterans have the support they need.

The next big event for The American Legion is the Department Convention did you know that your post get delegates? That's right, every post gets a certain amount of delegates to represent them at the convention. Your delegate allotment is based on the number of paid members in your post. Every post gets at least two delegates. Delegate allotment increases from there based on your membership total. It's important that every post sends representatives at the convention. See you all soon. Past District Commander Jennifer Havlick

NINTH DISTRICT

Eric Wilkens
Commander



Greetings from the Roaring Ninth. April was a busy month with the drive for more membership continuing and planning for the next Legion year. Past Commander Tom Norgaard Sr. passed away on April 6th and his service was held in Bagley on April 28th. Tom will be missed and the work he did for this organization is to be remembered. We will hold our District Convention on June 10th in Moorhead and prepare for the new year. All Posts should be completing the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) as this information is needed at all levels of our organization and an overall part of our membership drive this year. As the threats to our national security and way of life are ever present, please keep our service members in your thoughts. Thank you to all for the many things you do for this great organization.

TENTH DISTRICT

Bonnie Hanson
Commander



Hello from the 10th District. Somebody once said to me that you know when your term is up as you have only one more article for the Legionnaire newspaper. Just want to start by saying this has been a busy month getting things together for my testimonial and then going to other ones. We have ones that we can't go to as they are somehow in conflict with other ones so you have to pick which doesn't mean that I for one didn't want to miss any of them. Wish that I could go and honor all the District Commander that I have gotten to know. And then we have the Convention that we want to go perfect as that will be the last one for me as a District Commander and I want to let anyone that has apprehension about being a District Commander that it is fun and really not a hard job. We had our revitalization and we picked about 40 new members and transfers but we didn't get the almost 700 that we needed for Goal. So I am sorry, Commander Denise.

Also, I want to mention my project for Helping Paws and the donations that it received. I know at the beginning of the term you say to yourself that you want to do so many things and now it's feeling bad that that you didn't get those things done. I have to remind people when I am meeting them in the strangest places that we are The American Legion, that was started with the 4 Pillars and tell them we are there for our fellow veterans and the family. That is what is important to us.

Listening Post

News from around the State



NISSWA OLD TIMERS -- Receiving their 50-year membership certificates at Nisswa Post 627 were Ray DeZurik, Dick Frieler and Gene Katz.



BACKUS EASTER PARTY-- Over 80 children plus their parents attended the annual Backus Auxiliary Kids Easter Party. K.C. Moore, left, 6, and Spencer Moore, 7, Pine River, are shown in their Easter hats. Each child received a goody bag.



QUILT DONATION -- Ruby Johnson of Frost made and donated 26 quilts to the Minnesota Veterans Home at Luverne for residents. Ed Archer tries out his new quilt delivered by Past Department Vice Commander Don Amundson.



PINE CITY BUS -- Craig and Cathy Saari of Rock Creek donated this bus for the Pine City Post 51 Honor Guard. It was wrapped and detailed with local donations. It will be used for funerals, parades and Legion and veteran events.



FRANKLIN FLAG RAISING -- Members of Franklin Post 308 were on hand to help with the raising of the flag for the first time at the new day care/community center. The post purchased the flag pole for the new building.



ELYSIAN VET -- Earle Taylor received his 70-year certificate of membership in Elysian Post 311 recently.



SARTELL HONORS -- Sartell Post 277 recently had two of its long-time members honored with certificates and front page stories in the Sartell-St. Stephen Newsleader. At left is ROLLIE WEIS, 70 years, with Post Commander Skip Mastey (right). At right is 50-year member Duke Knafla with his wood carvings at his home.



NINTH DISTRICT -- Past Ninth District commanders gathered for the annual district Godfather's Rally held at Mahnomen Post 31.



WILKIN COUNTY -- When the Wilken County Memorial was created, Henry Hunkins name was omitted from the list of war dead. His name was added recently in a ceremony that included Gary Fox, Ron Verhaagen, Janet Czchotzki and Russ Kastell. Czchotzki is a descendant of Hunkins.

Listening Post

News from around the State



NEW ULM SAL -- The New Ulm Sons of the American Legion Squadron 132 presented a flag to St. Anthony Elementary School. From left are State Commander Gene Olsword, Linda Wiesner from the school, and Jim Bartels, squad member.



FLAG ETIQUETTE -- Jim Bartels, member of New Ulm Squadron 132, gives a flag etiquette demonstration to a Cub Scout pack.



DUNDEE DONATION -- Cindy Brunk donated notebooks on behalf of Dundee Post 386 to Eva Burket, Second District Honorary Junior President for her project, making comfort bags for VA Hospital patients.



DISTRICT 10 SNOWMOBILE RALLY -- Department Commander Denise Milton entertains the youngest SAL member at a snowmobile rally.



HOSPITAL VISIT -- Legion dignitaries visited the Brain Sciences Center at the Minneapolis VA. From left, sitting: Commander Milton, Center Director Apostolos Georgopolous, Dr. Brian Engdahl, National Marketing, Media and Communications Director Jeff Stoffer, and, standing, National Vice Commander Douglas Boldt.



ADRIAN HOSTS NVC -- National Vice Commander Douglas Boldt, center of photo second row just behind and to the right of Department Commander Denise Milton, visited Adrian Post 32 for a regular meeting. The post is over 100 percent.



TRACY FLAG -- Chauncey Muedeking presented a flag to the Tracy Post 173 that had flown over the Pentagon on Veterans Day. Muedeking's daughter, Julia, is a major in the Air Force stationed at Andrews Air Force Base.



TYLER 70 YEARS -- George Dubbeldee recently received his 70-year continuous membership certificate from Tyler Post 185 Commander Duane Blake.

Doing research on deceased veterans

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23711. Rolling a seven or 11 is called a "natural" in the game of craps.

Jones wrote letters to all the communities where the crew members had come from, and soon had a network of families corresponding with him. He also wrote to the town in Austria where the plane had crashed. He did many hours of research at the National Archives and the Air Force Museum at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Slowly he began to put together a larger picture of what the men were like, how they trained, their disagreements and what led up to the fatal crash. One crew member was removed when he called the pilot a coward for turning back on so many missions. Jones said it was more likely that the age of the battered plane had more to do with the turn backs.

Another crew member was removed after he spent a horrifying raid over Ploesti curled up in a fetal position in the back of the plane.

Jones was able to find the one crew member who survived the crash and finally get an eye-witness account.

The bomber took off from Tunis in Africa on October 1, 1943, to bomb a German fighter factory in Austria. They lost one engine to flak, and then were attacked by German

fighters. The plane crashed in a fiery ball in an Austrian meadow.

The report on the crash "fell between the cracks," Jones said, and was only issued six months later, and then it was full of errors.

Jones' persistent research led him to Austria where he met with townspeople who remembered the crash, some of whom still had artifacts from the wreckage.

He actually was able to pull the plane out of its spin, but then when trying to make a landing on a hilly meadow, the big bomber clipped a tree and blew up as it hit the ground.

In 1996, a memorial was placed at the site of the crash. "To me, it is a sacred place," Jones said.

Three others told their stories about finding the "box" in the closet and tracking down the story of the veteran it represented. Barbara Wilschke, Ruth Hovland and Jim Guddal told of how they unraveled the stories of their relatives by determined effort and one clue leading to another. They all said the experience had been personally worthwhile and had resulted in a trove of information or a project -- a book, a video, a scrapbook -- that is now a family treasure.

"These stories are never lost," Hovland said. "If the stories come to you, give them away."



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The President's Column

By Carol Kottom



Wow. That's all I can say. My testimonial was a fantastic night – one that I will never forget thanks to all of you and, of course, my son. Thank you Randy for the music. You were awesome. Thank you to everyone that attended, the gifts and the donations to my project, the kind words – it was fabulous. And now we move a little closer to the end of a wonderful year.

The Strategic Planning Committee, under the direction of Sandy Fredrickson, is doing great promoting our organization. They now have bracelets available for sale and they are going fast. If you are interested, please contact one of the gals on the committee or the department office. Nothing would be better than selling them all so we had to order more. Pictures were in last month's Legionnaire. I hope everyone sent in at least one recipe for the book the committee is putting together.

Units turned in their annual reports in April and I know we had 100% reporting – right? That's the only way Congress will ever know what we do and how much effort we put into our programs. Election of officers is coming right up. Get your thinking caps on so you can start planning your programs for next year. But, let's finish up the most important program of all – membership. Yes, we still have some time to reach our goal. Membership Chairman Zandy set the goals so they are absolutely reachable for every unit. Let's prove her right. Our Post Commander has been signing up members to all facets of our American Legion Family. Unit is at goal, SAL is over goal and I know he will get the Post at goal before he finishes the year, because that's the way he is. Good job, Bob.

Honorary Junior President Kiana Coleman-Woods had a great conference. Kiana has done an awesome job all year and that continued through the conference. So proud of you. New officers were elected and Courtney Rogat from Bloomington will be taking over the helm next year. Congratulations to all. I was honored to install the new officers and retire Kiana, although I was in tears for both as they are children or grandchildren of very good friends and both such fantastic young ladies. Thanks for letting me be a part of your conference. We also had the graduation ceremony for two of the Juniors who now joined the rank of Seniors.

Poppy days are soon here. Does your unit send out letters? Do you distribute in front of your local businesses? It's a very important distribution for the Auxiliary.

In accordance with The American Legion Poppy Program and Poppy Fund Rules, as revised in 2013 and 2014 by The American Legion National Executive Committee, Poppy Funds may only be used for:

The rehabilitation of veterans honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces after April 6, 1917; The welfare of the families of veterans of the above named period; The rehabilitation of hospitalized military service personnel returning home and awaiting discharge who require treatment in service hospitals; The welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and the families of veterans and active military personnel of the above named period where financial and medical need is evident; For the purpose of poppy kits and supplies used to make symbolic poppies and poppy items that will be distributed for donations to the Poppy Fund.

Girls State is coming right up. Has your Unit selected their Staters yet?

Memorial Day is coming up. Remember your veterans on that day especially. Set aside a time to say "Thanks for your Service" and offer a prayer. Participate in a memorial service whether in your neighborhood or across the state.

So until we meet again, remember to always "Thank a Veteran".

Nat'l President Mary Davis to visit Minnesota in June

National President Mary Davis, from the Department of Washington will be visiting Minnesota from June 11 – June 14, 2017. Following is a schedule of our stops which will include Department President Carol Kottom, NEC Shirley Frederick, Department Membership Chairman Zandra Kessler and Department Executive Secretary Sandie Deutsch as the chauffeur. Please make sure and reserve a spot at one of The American Legion Posts to make this a successful tour. President Mary is a wonderful lady and does a great job representing our organization.



MARY DAVIS

Please see the complete public schedule at the bottom of this page.

HOSPITAL HOME REP NEEDED

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota is in need of a Hospital Home Representative for the St. Cloud VAHCS. If you are interested, please contact Sandie Deutsch at the Department Office, 651-224-7634 or email at sandie@mnala.org or Carol Kottom at ckakottom@gmail.com, phone 763-682-3465. This is a very rewarding and important position within the Department, as it is dealing directly with our Veterans.

JUNIOR CONFERENCE

The 54th Annual Department Junior Conference was held on Saturday April 8, 2017 hosted by the Third District at Forest Lake American Legion Post 225. Honorary Department Junior President Kiana Coleman-Woods lead the conference with lots of pride. New officers for 2017-2018 were elected and installed by Carol Kottom, Department of Minnesota President. The newly elected Honorary Department Junior Officers are:

Honorary President: Courtney Rogat, Bloomington Unit 550, District 10

Honorary 1st Vice President: Harley Donnelly, Northrup Unit 522, District 2

Honorary 2nd Vice President: Emily Suess, Monticello

Unit 260, District 10

Honorary Treasurer: Cassandra Betterman, Owatonna Unit 77, District 1

Honorary Chaplain: Regan Swanson, Argyle Unit 353, District 9

Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms: Ashley Koehn, Monticello Unit 260, District 10

The appointed officers are:

Honorary Secretary: Megan Bruzek, Delano Unit 377, District 10

Honorary Historian: Eva Burket, Belview Unit 309, District 2

Congratulations to these new Honorary Junior Officers, I know they will have a great year under the leadership of Courtney.

A big highlight of many is the poppy contests and the beautiful use of our poppy by our Juniors. The following are the winning entries for the poppy contests and scrapbook contest:

Poppy Corsage/Boutonniere Contest

Class I First Place: Kaylee Bauer, Westport 638

Class I Second Place: Lauren Lampman, Northrup 522

Class II First Place: Elizabeth Spoden, Kimball 261

Class II Second Place: Gracy Swanson, Warren 27

Class III First Place: Rylie Mortimer, Warren 27

Class III Second Place: Sophie Maruska, Warren 27

Poppy Centerpiece Contest

Class I First Place: Carly Loch, Kimball 261

Class I Second Place: Elizabeth Jarshaw, Argyle 353

Class II First Place: Raelyn Bortrager, Trimont 373

Class II Second Place: Hailey Dunaway, Forest Lake 225

Class III First Place: Johanna Welter, Stewartville 164

Class III Second Place: Sarenity Patterson, Hopkins 320

Poppy Memorial Day Wreath

Class I First Place: Kaylee Rauer, Westport 638

Class I Second Place: Carly Loch, Kimball 261

Class II First Place: Claire Kubes, Montgomery 79

Class II Second Place: Raelynn Bortrager, Trimont 373

Class III First Place: Johanna Welter, Stewartville 164

Class III Second Place: Kinzie Guillickson, Warren 27

Poppy Junior Membership Recruitment Board

Class II First Place: Kimberly Johnson, Westport 638

Class II Second Place: Emily Suess, Monticello 260

Class III First Place: Johanna Welter, Stewartville 164

Class III Second Place: Ashley Stai, New London 537

Junior Scrapbook

First Place: Warren Unit 27

Congratulations to all those who entered – it was very hard to judge these as there were so many beautiful entries.

National president's tour schedule, contacts

Monday, June 12, 2017						
Location	Time	Event	Phone	Cost	Deadline	
Grand Rapids Unit 60	5:45 p.m.	Color Guard	218-326-0410	\$12.00	6/7/2017	Sharon.voltz@state.mn.us Contact is Sharon Voltz for reservations or more information
828 1st Ave. NE	6:00 p.m.	Social	218-259-4711			
	6:30 p.m.	Dinner				
Tuesday, June 13, 2017						
Location	Time	Event	Phone	Cost	Deadline	
West Duluth Unit 71	12:00 noon	Lunch	218-628-1495 or	\$8.00	6/7/2017	suepshoes@aol.com For information call or email:
5814 Grand Ave			218628-2181			
North Branch Unit 85	5:30 p.m.	Social	651-674-8164	\$15.00	6/8/2017	orvey@msn.com Prepaid Reservations should be sent to: Beverly Otterness, 38544 Grand Ave, North Branch, MN 55056
6439 Elm St.	6:00 p.m.	Dinner				
Make checks payable to ALA Unit 85						
Wednesday, June 14, 2017						
Location	Time	Event	Phone	Cost	Deadline	
Wayzata Unit #118	11:30 a.m.	Social	763-475-3257	\$11.00	6/5/2017	Contact is Jeanne Jessen or judystein@outlook.com
949 Wayzata Blvd E	12:00 noon	Lunch	Judy Stein at			
Buffalo Unit 270	5:30 p.m.	Social	Prepayment only	\$13.00	6/7/2017	Mail payment to: Buffalo American Legion, %Marilyn Miller, Presid 304 10th Ave. S., Buffalo, MN 55313
304 10th Ave So.	6:00 p.m.	Dinner				

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JUNIOR PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Department Honorary Junior President Kiana's special project this year was raise funds for socks and undergarments for Veterans and the homeless. Kianna has done an extraordinary job raising \$3,268.00 not to mention all of the socks and underwear that was donated as well.

Thank you to all the Units and members of The American Legion Family that provided funds in support of Kiana's Department Honorary Junior President's Project.

SECRETARY SANDIE'S CORNER

I have a couple things to say this month, imagine that. I get calls from Units that are having problems with members not attending meetings or problems with bickering and all that but I must say that I have the best Unit in Montgomery. We have great attendance in meetings, everybody helps out when asked and all that. There are two of my Auxiliary sisters from Montgomery, Marilyn Prchal and Mary Jane Grundhoffer that go way over and above for our Unit, but for me, they continue to come to the Department Office as volunteers to help with projects that come up. I just can't thank them enough - love you two to death. Also, not enough "positive" things are said about membership. In the years I have been here I haven't seen Units working this hard at achieving goal as this year. We currently have 47 Units at 100% or above. We have 6 Units with All Time Highs this year. I would like to thank the members of the two Units, Truman Unit 115 from the 2nd District is currently at 117.39%. This is a Unit that a few years ago thought about turning in their Charter. The other is Minneapolis Giantvalley Unit 234 who is at 116.67%. Congratulations to those that are working so hard at membership. Well, I need to stop typing as I am off to Texas to see my kids. Just a whirlwind weekend for our new Grandbaby's shower. She isn't here yet but I get to see everyone else. Too excited for words. Sorry for being boring this month, along with my trip to Texas, I get to have a root canal next month, so next month, watch out.

POPPIES

Governor Mark Dayton has proclaimed May as Poppy Month. Have you organized your Poppy distribution? We hope all Units are planning to place special emphasis on our Poppy program during May, educating the public on the meaning and purpose of the Poppy, and to actively participate in Poppy Days, May 19 & 20. Do remember that poppies can be distributed all year long.

We will have shipped out 647 dozen large poppies and over 251,000 small poppies to our Units and Posts in Minnesota this year. I would like to thank all our Veterans who put the poppies together for us. Ken Goettl from Montgomery takes care of all of our large poppies. We have a contingency from the Hastings Veterans Home who sends poppies weekly to the office. We also have Rollie Schmit, Geneva Feld and Al Deaver making poppies all year long. Without them, we couldn't have such a successful program.

Thank you all for participating in this very important program of the American Legion Auxiliary.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The annual Department Convention will be held at the Shooting Star Casino/Hotel in Mahanomen. The Convention is being hosted by the Mahanomen American Legion Family 31.

A pre-registration is available in this issue of the Minnesota Legionnaire. District caucuses will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday. A complete program will be printed in the Minnesota Legionnaire prior to convention time.

There will be two Poppy Contest this year - they are as follows:

Award Criteria: Table Center Piece.

Award Guidelines: You may use any flowers/ theme you want but, must have the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Flower included. The label "In Memoriam" from poppy flowers must be removed.

Award Criteria: tri - fold educational board.

Award Guidelines: Ladies have fun with this project. Include history about our poppy flower, educate our members, use pictures, use any past memorabilia, * must have a poppy flower with "In Memoriam" Label removed.

These will be judged on appeal, neatness and educational value.

Both contests will be open to all Auxiliary members. All entries must include a card in an envelope containing your name, Unit number, District number and location. Small or large poppies may be used with the white tags removed. Voting for People's Choice will be by donation, with the funds going to the Department President's Projects.

Please be sure and bring all of your creations. They are always so beautiful.

MINNESOTA GIRLS STATE

The 2017 session of ALA Minnesota Girls State will be held June 11-17, 2017 This year's session be at Bethel University in St. Paul. All Girls State registration materials



NEW HONORARY PRESIDENT -- American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota 2016-17 Honorary Junior President Kiana Coleman-Woods pinned her successor, 2017-18 Honorary Junior President Courtney Rogat, Bloomington, at the junior conference held at Forest Lake. Department President Carol Kottom, right, conducted the installation ceremony.

(enrollment card, information sheet, pledge and Capitol Day t-shirt order form) are due into the Department Office by May 1st. As of this writing 350 young women will have the experience of learning about Minnesota government by "doing". We are very excited to be going back to Bethel University this year and we are looking forward to many new, exciting events!

About the middle of May each ALA Minnesota Girls State citizen will receive her packet of information from the Department. If your citizen has not received her packet by May 22nd, contact the Department Office immediately. Do keep in touch with your ALA Minnesota Girls State citizen to answer any questions she may have prior to her coming to Bethel on June 11. All ALA Minnesota Girls State citizens are to be at the Bethel University prior to the opening session at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 11.

There are many items in the Shirt Shack this year that girls may purchase. Some items are hooded sweatshirts, both pull-over and zip up, jogging pants, tee shirts and more. These are quality items which the girls will have forever.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Reno, Nevada is the site for our 2017 National Convention. Delegates and alternates will be elected at your District Convention. Each District's representation is based on the District's 2017 membership as of July 18th.

In order to ensure Minnesota its full delegate strength at the Convention, we ask that if you are nominated as a delegate or alternate and are not planning to attend, you withdraw your name from consideration. Information will be sent to each delegate and alternate as soon as it becomes available. Our National Convention will be held August 18 - 24.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRESENTED

As the Department Office receives resolutions to be presented to the Department Convention in Mahanomen this summer, they will be posted on our website www.mnala.org under the ABOUT US tab - RESOLUTIONS. We are doing this in order to allow our Units to read the Resolutions and discuss them within your Units so you can have questions answered before they come up for a vote. We want all members to understand the reasoning behind the Resolutions, so if there are any questions prior to the Convention, please contact one of the Department Officers, Karen Thygeson, Department Constitution and Standing Rules Chairman or the Department Office.

ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

President Carol Kottom received the following message from Ann Rostratter, who is the Director of the Adult Day Care Center at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis.

Dear Auxiliary Members,
I am the director of the Minnesota Veterans Home Adult Day Center located in south Minneapolis. I would be honored to meet with local chapters and provide information about our program that enables Veterans to remain in their homes longer. We are one, of only two State Veterans Home Adult Day Centers in the country. We are open to care for our Veterans five days per week and charge no more than \$20.00 per day. We need to get the word out about this wonderful award winning program to help Veterans and their caregivers. Please contact me and I will arrange to attend one of your meetings. I also invite all of you to tour our facility at your convenience.

Ann Rostratter RN
Ann.rostratter@state.mn.us
612-548-5900

Red poppy symbol dates back to 1920

By Karla Otterness

I'm sure that the American Legion family knows that May is Poppy Month, but do you know how it all started?

Moina Michael's was born in 1868 in New Hope, Georgia. Her parents owned a cotton plantation. By the age of 15 she was teaching school. Later in life she went on to be a professor at the University of Georgia. It was while she was a professor the United States entered WWI. she took a leave of absence from the University, to work with the overseas Y.M.C.A. During their Twenty-Fifth Conference of the Overseas Y.M.C.A. War Secretaries, a young soldier placed a November issue of the Ladies Home Journal on her desk. In that magazine, Monia read a poem by Col. John McCrae M.D., "We Shall Not Sleep." Later the poem was renamed "In Flanders Field." After reading the poem she quickly penned "We shall keep the Faith" which was her pledge not to forget our military men who gave their life. It was at this conference that three men gave her a check for ten dollars for their appreciation of her efforts to make their Hostess House feel like home. Moina used the money to buy poppy flowers, one large silk poppy flower for her desk and 25 small silk flowers to be handed out to the men at the conference to wear on their lapel.

The American Legion, Department of Georgia, was first to adopt the red poppy flower on August 20, 1920, as a remembrance and welfare of war veterans. Later that year National American Legion adopted the Red Poppy.

Now the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program has grown. Each year 25 million red crepe paper poppies are handed out in the United States in exchange for a contribution to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. In Minnesota, we handed out 178,659 poppies and raised over \$331,568.13.

The American Legion Auxiliary states that 100% of Poppy Funds may only be used for:

- The rehabilitation of veterans honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces after April 6, 1917.
- The welfare of the families of veterans of the above-named period.
- The rehabilitation of hospitalized military service personnel returning home and awaiting discharge who require treatment in service hospitals.
- The welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and the families of veterans and active military personnel of the above-named period where financial and medical need is evident.

□ For the purpose of poppy kits and supplies used to make symbolic poppies and poppy items that will be distributed for donations to the Poppy Fund.

Units that have poppy funds prior to 2013/2014 year cannot use this fund for active-duty military and families.

In conclusion I ask all Legion Family members, Are you doing your best to support one of our oldest programs in the American Legion/Auxiliary?



KARLA OTTERNESS

April 5, 2017, Auxiliary Membership

District	Goal	Membership To Date	Percent of Goal	Membership Last Year
One	5,000	4,540	90.80%	4,674
Two	4,924	4,406	89.48%	4,633
Three	4,411	3,940	89.32%	4,128
Four	720	664	92.22%	668
Five	824	688	83.50%	774
Six	6,042	5,577	92.30%	5,748
Seven	3,934	3,502	89.02%	3,716
Eight	1,628	1,416	86.98%	1,502
Nine	4,350	3,909	89.86%	4,111
Ten	5,159	4,643	90.00%	4,851
1982	160	154	96.25%	152
Totals	37,152	33,439	90.01%	34,957



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- 4-Seasons Tour Manager, Cindy Meany
- 7 nights accommodations
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- 11 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- Dollywood Theme Park
- Nashville Highlights tour
- Guided tour of Smoky Mountains National Park
- Grand Ole Opry, Hatfield and McCoy dinner show and Music Mansion
- General Jackson Showboat tour
- Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery tour

\$1,289.00
Per Person Double Occupancy

Heart of Alaska

July 14-21, 2017

Tour Includes:

- 4 Seasons Tour Director, Sue Barber
- Round trip Delta flights Minneapolis to Anchorage
- 7 nights accommodations
- 13 Meals (including an Alaskan Salmon Bake)
- Denali Park Natural History Tour
- Alaska Railroad between Talkeetna & Denali Park
- Riverboat Discovery Cruise
- Gold Dredge #8
- Prince William Sound Cruise
- Meares Glacier
- Luggage handling for one suitcase

\$3,299.00 per person double occupancy

Great American History Tour

September 19-26, 2017

Tour Includes:

- 4 Seasons Tour Manager, Cindy Meany
- 7 nights accommodations
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- 10 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Admission to all museums, battlefields, & National Parks
- 4 Guided Tours
- Historic Train Ride
- Chicago Gangster Tour
- Luggage handling for one suitcase

\$1,425.00
Per Person Double Occupancy

Mexican Riviera Cruise

November 4-12, 2017

Tour Includes:

- 4 Seasons Tour Manager, Larry Alvey
- Roundtrip Delta flights from Minneapolis to Los Angeles
- 1 night pre-cruise at the Los Angeles Marriott
- 7 night cruise on the Emerald Princess
- All meals and entertainment while aboard the Emerald Princess
- All transfers to and from the airport and pier
- Cruise Gratuities
- Luggage handling on the ship

Starting at **\$1,999.00**
Per Person Double Occupancy

Mediterranean Cruise

August 31-September 10, 2017

Tour Includes:

- 4 Seasons Tour Manager, Larry Alvey
- Roundtrip Delta flights to Athens & return from Barcelona
- 1 night pre-cruise in Athens with a 4 hour tour of Athens
- 1 night post-cruise in Barcelona with a 4 hour tour of Barcelona
- A 7 night cruise on the ROYAL PRINCESS
- Cruise onboard gratuities
- All meals and entertainment onboard the ROYAL PRINCESS
- All transfers to and from the airport, pier and hotels
- Luggage handling on the ship for one suitcase per person

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New York City & New England/Canada Cruise

September 15-24, 2017

Tour Includes:

- 4 Seasons Tour Director, Sue Barber
- Roundtrip Delta flights from Minneapolis to New York City
- All transfers from airport, hotel and pier
- 2 nights stay at the Millennium Hotel in Times Square
- Circle Line Cruise of Manhattan with lunch
- A Broadway performance
- 9/11 Memorial Museum
- 7 night cruise on the Crown Princess
- Cruise Gratuities
- Luggage handling at hotel and on cruise

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Per Person Double Occupancy

New York City Tour

November 8-12, 2017

Tour Includes:

- 4 Seasons Tour Director, Sue Barber
- 4 nights at The Millennium Broadway Hotel in Times Square
- Broadway Musical
- Radio City Music Hall: "The Rockettes Christmas Spectacular"
- Manhattan Island City tour
- 9/11 Memorial and Museum
- Harbor cruise with lunch
- Lunch at Carmine's
- Luggage handling for one suitcase per person

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